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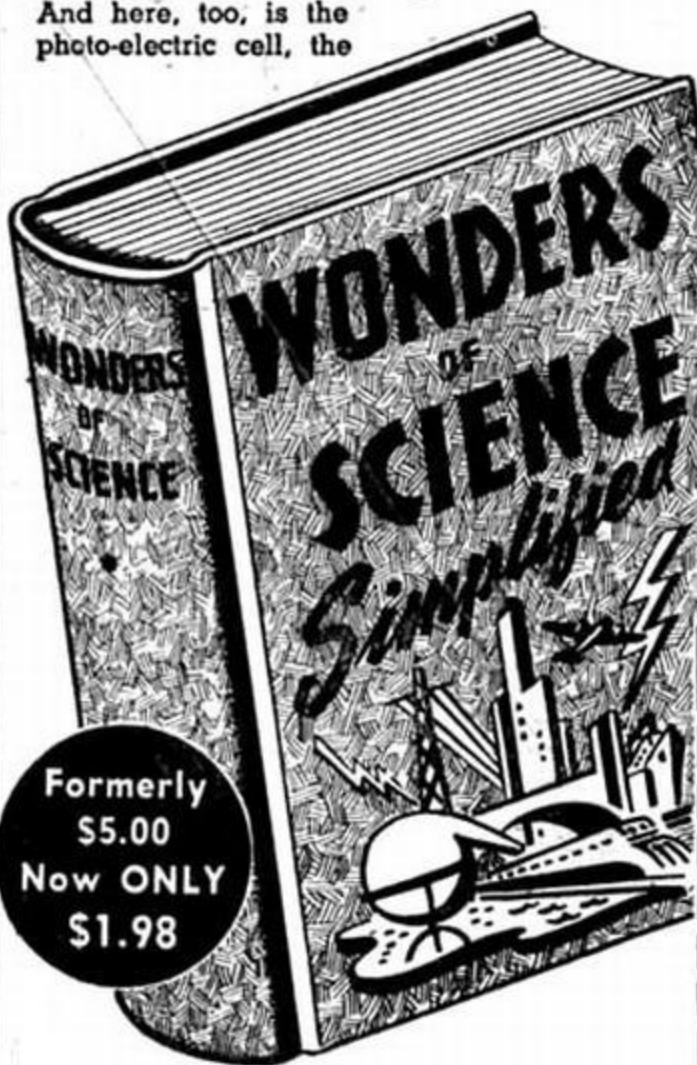
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The SHIELD and DUSTY

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FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO COULD NOT OBTAIN THE JULY ISSUE OF PEP, WE RECOUNT BRIEFLY THE BIG EVENTS LEADING UP TO THIS CATASTROPHE.
THE SHIELD AND DUSTY HAVE JUST CAUGHT UP WITH THE JAPANESE HORROR, THE FANG, AND HIS AGENTS....
SUDDENLY THE SHIELD IS FELLED BY A BULLET...



BUT BEFORE FANG
COULD STRIKE, THE
POLICE BURST IN..

SORRY WE
COULDN'T
GET HERE
SOONER,
SHIELD!

YOU CAME
SOON ENOUGH-
THANKS, BOYS!

OKAY,
DUSTY, GIVE HER
THE JUICE..I'LL KNOW
SOON WHETHER I
CAN REGAIN MY
SUPER-POWER!

THE SHIELD
AND DUSTY
IMMEDIATELY
RETURNED TO
THEIR LABORA-
TORY WHERE
THE SHIELD
PREPARES TO
REGAIN HIS
SUPER-STRENGTH..

..WHICH BRINGS
US TO THE PRES-
ENT.... JUST AS
DUSTY IS ABOUT
TO PULL THE
SWITCH, THE
PHONE RINGS..

YES, THE SHIELD'S
HERE, CHIEF! HE'S KIND
OF BUGY, AND....WHAT...
OKAY, I'LL PUT HIM ON!

YES, CHIEF! WHAT?
OKAY, I'LL BE RIGHT
OVER!

SORRY, LAD!
EXPERIMENT'LL
HAVE TO WAIT..IT'S
AN EMERGENCY
JOB!

A BLOODY SWORD POINTED AT OUR COUNTRY'S HEART. A FLAMING SWORD OF BUTCHERY AND DESTRUCTION - THIS IS THE HUN. THIS AMBASSADOR OF HATE PLYING HIS WARES ACROSS THE RIO GRANDE IS THE FIRST FOE DESTINED TO CROSS THE SHIELD'S PATH IN HIS ROLE AS AN ORDINARY MORTAL...

THE SHIELD AND DUSTY

CHAPTER ONE 'BLOOD DRIPS OVER MEXICO!'

AND IT IS IMPERATIVE WE CONTACT THIS AGENT. WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THE NAZIS HAVE SCARED HIM INTO HIDING!



HE HAS INFORMATION ABOUT SECRET NAZI BASES IN MEXICO WHICH ARE VITAL. YOUR JOB, SHIELD IS TO GET THAT INFORMATION. YOU WILL START FROM A CERTAIN CABARET, AND... USE THIS AS A PASS WORD



DON'T FORGET THE PASSWORD. GOOD LUCK AND GOD-SPEED!



DAYS LATER, IN A LITTLE MEXICAN CABARET, JUST ACROSS THE RIO GRANDE...

TABLE FOR TWO THEES WAY, SENORS!



ER... TWO MILKS, PLEASE!

MEELK!... AH... ER... SI...

JOE SUDDENLY APPROACHES THE BAND LEADER...

WILL YOU PLAY "SUZANNA" FOR ME - PLEASE?

AS THE BAND BLARES OUT THE REQUEST NUMBER, THE CIGARETTE GIRL STARES AT JOE.



WELL, LET'S GO, DUSTY!

OKAY, I'M GETTING SLEEPY!

THEN CASUALLY SAUNTERS TO HIS TABLE...

CIGARETTES, SENOR?

NO, BUT I'LL TAKE ONE OF THOSE RED-CROSS BUTTONS!

SI! LET ME PIN IT ON YOU, SENOR!

OUTSIDE

I SAW THAT GIRL SLIP A MESSAGE INSIDE THIS BUTTON, DUSTY.



AS JOE OPENS THE MESSAGE...

YES...UND VE SAW HER, TOO...UP MIT DER HANDS, QVICK!

NOW, HAND OFER DER MESSAGE ... UND NO TRICKS!

HSST.. THE OLD OFF-TACKLE PLAY!

RIGHT JOE!

DUSTY SUDDENLY DROPS...JOE LUNGES, AND...

...LIKE TWIN - TWISTERS THE DUO UNLEASH THEIR FURY....

SO YOU GUYS WANNA PLAY COPS AND ROBBERS, HUH?

OOF!

OKAY - THIS IS THE WAY I PLAY IT!

NOW I'LL TAKE THAT MESSAGE BACK IF YOU DON'T MIND!

BAM



LET'S GO, DUSTY.. OOF!

NOT SO FAST, SCHWEIN!

UND NOW, YOU WILL BE SO GOOD AS TO HAND OFER DER MESSAGE TO ME, THE HUN!

OH! SO YOU WISH TO CHALLENGE ME... PERHAPS YOU T'INK I FOOL, EH?



GET UP, YOU FUMBLING IMBECILES!



DUSTY LAD, SPEAK TO ME. YOU ALL RIGHT!

Y-YES... I'M OKAY NOW, SHIELD. THAT HUN MAY BE A TOUGH CUSTOMER.. BUT HE'S SURE A BUM SHOT!

HERR HUN, LOOK! .. DER POLICE!

WHAT MEAN ALL THE SHOOTING?

GOOD THING YOU CAME WHEN YOU DID, OFFICERS!

THEES BOY!.. HE HAS BEEN SHOT!





ER..WE WERE ATTACKED BY BANDITS..WE WON'T PRESS CHARGES!

AS YOU WEEESH, SENOR!



C'MON, KID, LET'S GET BACK TO THE CABARET!

I GET IT.. THE DAME WHO SLIPPED US THE NOTE, EH ?

SI, THERE WAS TELEPHONE CALL FOR ROSITA, THEN I DONT SEE HER NO MORE!

WHERE ARE THE PHONE BOOTHS?



NOT A SIGN OF ROSITA!

I GUESS THE HUN GOT TO HER BEFORE WE DID, JOE!



YES! BUT HE DIDN'T COMPLETELY CATCH US NAPPING. I MANAGED TO SNEAK A LOOK AT THAT MESSAGE AND SAW AN ADDRESS ON IT... 15 ROSARIO PLACE, SO..



THE SHIELD AND DUSTY, THE BOY DETECTIVE RIDE AGAIN!



WHILE AT THAT MOMENT AT 15 ROSARIO PLACE..

I KNOW YOU ARE NOT THE AMERICAN AGENT WE SEEK BUT YOU KNOW WHERE HE IS...UND YOU ARE GOING TO TELL ME!

NEVER!



YIPEEE! COMIN' RIGHT AT YOU, HUN!

I THINK I KNOW HOW TO MAKE YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND... DER SWORD, FRITZ!

JA WOHL, HERR HUN!



YOUR DAUGHTER VILL NOT LOOK SO BEAUTIFUL WHEN I GET THROUGH CARVING HER FACE, SENOR DELANO!

NO! NOT THAT!

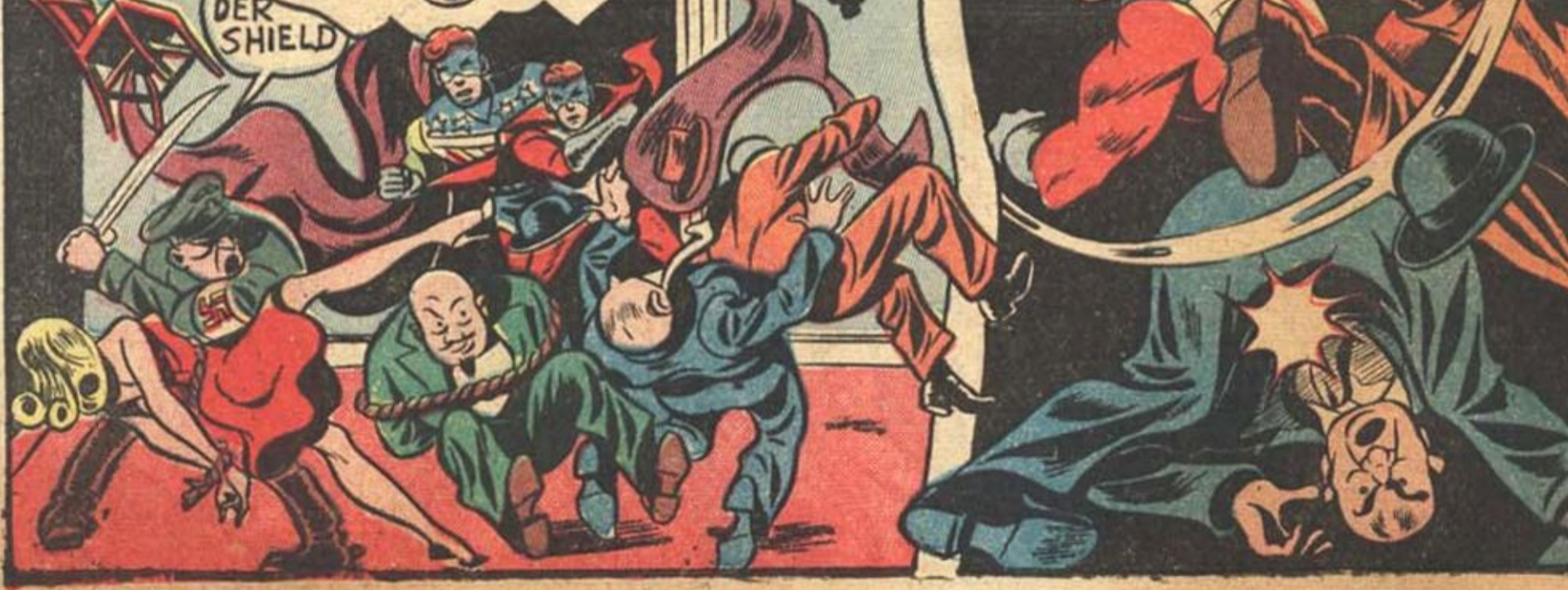
I CANNOT SEE HIM TORTURE YOU, MY ROSITA! I MUST TELL... I MUST - AT MY HACIENDA!

PADRE! DO NOT TELL, NO MATTER WHAT HE DOES!



YOU WON'T HAVE TO TELL, SENOR!

DER SHIELD



FROM HERE ON WE'LL CARRY ON THE CONVERSATION, EH, SHIELD?

YOU SAID IT KID IN THE ONLY LANGUAGE THESE KRAUTS UNDERSTAND, WITH OUR FISTS!

DUCK, SHIELD!

THANKS, LAD, I'LL TAKE OVER FROM HERE!

LIKE THIS!

AND THIS!





JUST THEN, DUSTY COMES TO, GRABS THE HUN'S LEG JUST AS THE SWORD DESCENDS FOR THE FATAL PLUNGE, AND...



SEETHING WITH RAGE, THE HUN FLINGS HIS SWORD AT THE SHIELD...



THE SHIELD DUCKS... AND THE SWORD FINDS ITS MARK IN THE NECK OF ROSITA'S FATHER...



OWWRR!

SANTA MARIA! MY FATHER! HE HAS KILLED MY FATHER!

GREAT SCOT!



PADRE! SPEAK TO ME... OOOOH.. HE'S DEAD, BOO, HOO, HOO!

THERE, THERE, ROSITA! I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL!... YOUR FATHER DIED IN THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY!

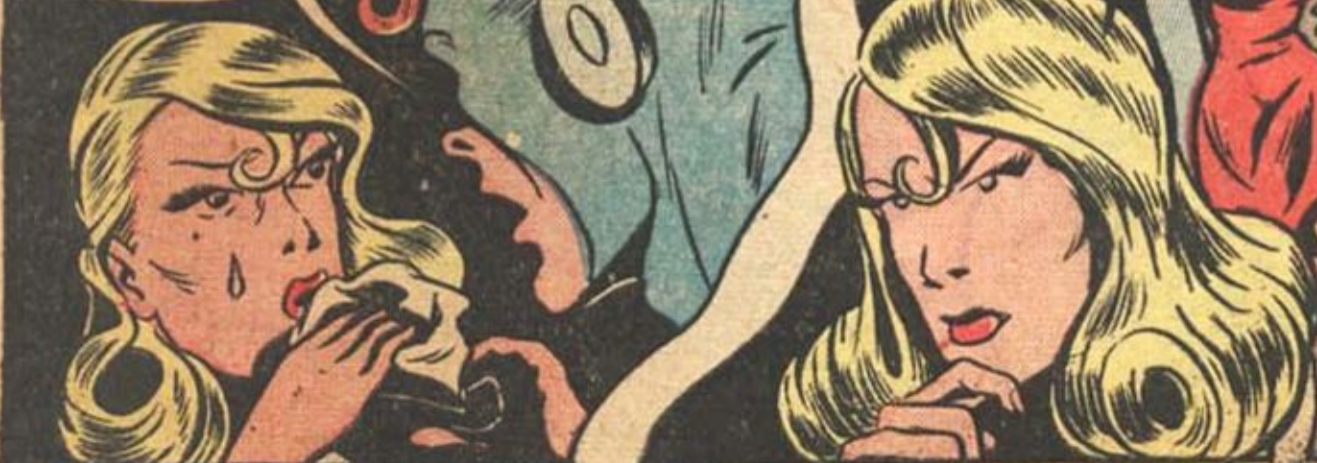
SUDDENLY
HELP! HELP!

BALLS OF FIRE! THAT'S DUSTY'S VOICE!

AND YOU MUST CARRY ON YOUR WORK.. DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE AMERICAN AGENT IS THAT YOUR FATHER WAS HIDING?

SI, SENOR SHIELD! I TAKE YOU TO HEEM. MY FATHER'D WANT ME TO HAVE YOU HELP ME!

WHAT NOW... DUSTY'S IN DANGER... TERRIBLE DANGER!... AND THE SHIELD'S WORST TROUBLES ARE FIRST BEGINNING.. NOW AS NEVER BEFORE HE NEEDS HIS SUPER-POWERS... READ ON...



THE

SHIELD AND DUSTY

CHAPTER
2 ... The
RIDDLE
OF THE
HUN

DIS VILL PUT AN
END TO YOUR SQUEAL-
ING. YOU ACCURSED
LITTLE MEDDLER!

SHIELD!
HELP!!
HELP ME!

GREAT GUNS!
WHOS THAT
ATTACKING
DUSTY?





I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU CAME FROM...

BUT I KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO!..

SO YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE ME, EH, SHIELD?... HERE IS SOMETHING YOU RECOGNIZE, JA?

I AM DER HUN, SHIELD! YOU FORCED ME TO RID MYSELF OF MY DISGUISE, BUT...

POW

WITH EYE-BLURRING SWIFTNES DUSTY BURSTS INTO THE SCENE...

Oooorf!

YOU... YOU NAZI BUTCHER- YOU KEEL MY PADRE... NOW I KEEL YOU!

AUF WEIDERSEHEN, MR. SHIELD! NEXT TIME YOU VON'T BE SO LUCKY!

WHEW! WHAT A WALLOP!
WHAT HAPPENED?

I CHASED OUT
AFTER THE HUN
AND SAW HIM
SHEDDING HIS
CAMOUFLAGE.
THEN HE
JUMPED ME!

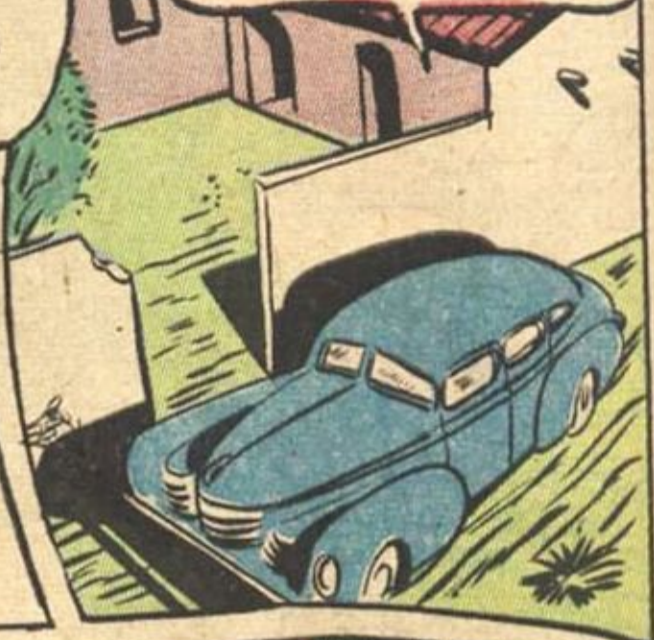


SEÑORS, YOU SEE
WHAT CLEVAIR AND
VICIOUS ENEMIES WE
DEAL WITH. BUT THE HUN
DOES NOT FRIGHTEN ROSITA.
I CARRY ON MY PADRE'S
WORK AND TAKE YOU TO
THE HIDING PLACE OF THE
AMERICAN
AGENT!

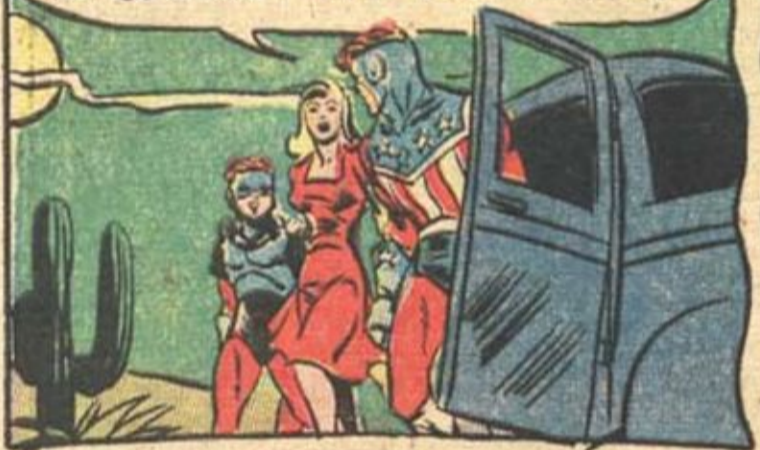


NEXT NIGHT.

WE ARE HERE, SEÑOR
SHIELD! THIS EES MY
DEAD PADRE'S HACIENDA,
WHERE YOUR AGENT,
SEÑOR STRONG, HIDES!



DUSTY, YOU KEEP WATCH OUT HERE!
ROGITA AND I'LL GO IN AND TRY
TO CONTACT THE U.S. AGENT!



WELL? WHAT NOW,
KID? WHERE IS HE?



I SHALL PLAY
THE PASSWORD
"OH SUZANNA"
AND HE WILL
COME OUT OF
HIDING!



MEANWHILE
OUTSIDE...



OHO!
A COUPLE
OF NAZI
SNAKES-IN-
THE GRASS!



COME HERE, MY
NOSEY AMERICAN!



FUNNY
THOSE BUSHES
ARE MOVING AND
THERE'S NOT A
BREATH OF
WIND!

YOU COME HERE, PALS! LET'S PLAY "FOLLOW THE LEADER"!

THE LAST ONE UP THE TREE...



HERE'S ANOTHER ONE!

...IS A SOAKING WET NAZI!



LIGHTNING-LIKE, DUSTY WHIPPETS HIMSELF AT THE NAZI'S LEGS, AND...

OOMPH!



UP AND OVER!



UMPH... GLUB!



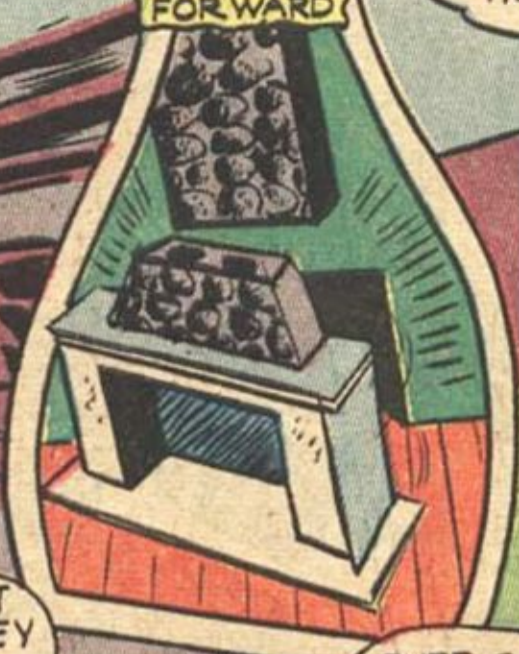
BACK IN THE HACIENDA...

IF THIS'LL DO IT, LET'S MAKE IT LOUD!

OH, SUZANNA, DON'T YOU CRY FOR ME!

SUDDENLY THE FALSE FIREPLACE SWINGS FORWARD

YOU CAN STOP WARBLING NOW, I'M HERE!



SO YOU'RE BILL STRONG OF THE F.B.I. - GLAD TO MEET YOU!

GLAD TO MEET YOU, SHIELD! THEY COULDN'T HAVE SENT A BETTER MAN TO CONTACT ME!

EVER SINCE THE NAZIS KNEW I DISCOVERED THEIR SECRET LANDING FIELD THEY'VE BEEN ON MY TAIL! I'LL TELL YOU WHERE IT IS....



YOU NEEDN'T BOTHER TO DO THAT, HERR STRONG!

BEFORE I SILENCED FRAU ROSITA'S FATHER, HE TOLD ME YOU WERE HERE! HA, HA, HA, PRETTY SMOOTH OF ME TO HIDE HERE UNTIL YOU CRAWLED OUT OF YOUR FIREPLACE, HERR STRONG!



AND AS FOR YOU, MR. SHIELD - REMEMBER VOT I SAID ABOUT OUR NEXT MEETING?



YOU KNOW TOO MUCH, HERR STRONG! I THINK I STITCH MY NAME ON YOUR CHEST!

WITH A QUICK MOVEMENT, ROSITA HURLS HERSELF IN FRONT OF THE U.S. AGENT...



YOU DIRTY SWINE - YOU'VE SHOT ROSITA!



DON'T BE TOO SURE ABOUT DOT, MR. SHIELD!

I'LL CRUSH EVERY BONE IN YOUR TREACHEROUS BODY!



NOW TO ATTEND TO YOU...





...BEFORE I LEAVE!



ARE YOU IN A HURRY, HUN?



I'LL HOLD HIM, FRITZ, AND YOU FINISH HIM OFF!



NOT BEFORE I'VE LEFT MY CALLING CARD!



DON'T RUN AWAY, BOYS!



LET'S KEEP ON PLAYING!



GEE, SHIELD - YOU SURE FINISHED THEM OFF! ... WHERE'S THE HUN?



THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT! WHERE'S BILL STRONG AND ROSITA?



ROSITA!
ROSITA,
GIRL!



GOSH, SHE'S
DONE FOR!

ROSITA
GAL, SPEAK!
TO ME

CARRY ON FOR
MY PADRE...
SENOR SHIELD...
I...OOOHH!



POOR LITTLE
ROSITA! SHE
CERTAINLY GAVE
HER LIFE FOR
HER COUNTRY!



H..HEY,
SHIELD!
SOMETHING'S
SCREWY ABOUT
THIS...



LOOK!



HOW DID
THAT KNIFE
GET FROM HIS
CHEST INTO
HIS HANDS?
HE MUST
HAVE...

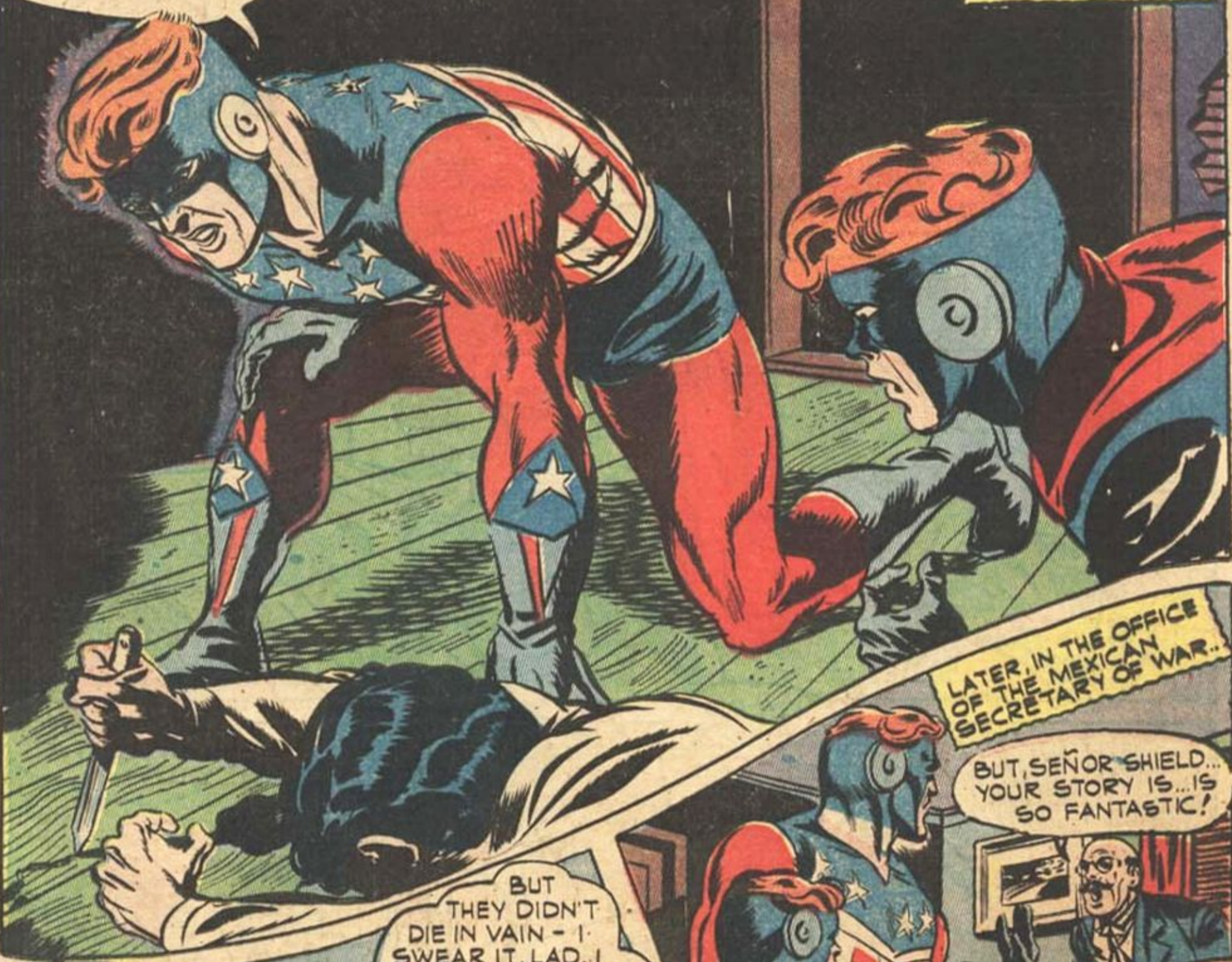


HOLY MACKEREL!
JUST LOOK AT
THAT!

DUSTY... THOSE SCRATCH MARKS STRONG MADE WITH THE KNIFE ARE THE DIRECTIONS TO THE NAZI BASE. HE KNEW THAT HIS DEATH WOULD SEAL THE SECRET, SO HE PULLED THE KNIFE OUT OF HIS CHEST AND WROTE US THIS DYING MESSAGE!

THE SHIELD AND DUSTY

CHAPTER 3
TERROR FROM THE SKIES!



LATER, IN THE OFFICE OF THE MEXICAN SECRETARY OF WAR...

BUT, SEÑOR SHIELD... YOUR STORY IS... IS SO FANTASTIC!

BUT THEY DIDN'T DIE IN VAIN - I SWEAR IT, LAD. I SWEAR IT ON THEIR GRAVES - TO CARRY OUT THE MISSION THEY DIED FOR!

WELL, TH - THEY'RE BOTH DEAD NOW, DUSTY!

FANTASTIC, EH? THERE ARE THREE PEOPLE LYING IN THEIR GRAVES BECAUSE OF THIS FANTASY!



BUT EVEN IF THERE EES A NAZI BASE ESTABLISHED IN THE WILDERNESS OF OUR COUNTRY, WHAT CAN WE DO WITHOUT PROOF, SEÑOR SHIELD? AFTER ALL, WE ARE NOT AT WAR WEETH GERMAN. WE CANNOT RISK OFFENDING THE GERMAN UNLESS WE WERE SURE OF THE FACTS!

ALL RIGHT, I'LL BRING YOU PROOF - JUST GET ME A PLANE AND A CAMERA!

BUT OF COURSE, SEÑOR SHIELD - WE ARE ANXIOUS TO CO-OPERATE!

WELL, WE'RE OFF, DUGTY!

YES, SHIELD! WE'RE ON THE LAST LAP NOW, I HOPE!

SHIELD, WE'VE BEEN FLYING OVER THIS SAME STRETCH OF FOREST FOR HOURS. ARE YOU SURE THIS IS THE SPOT?

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT, LAD. I'D HAVE SWORN THIS IS THE PLACE STRONG SCRATCHED OUT IN HIS DIRECTIONS, AND YET... DUSTY, THAT PATCH OF FOREST BELOW! LOOK!

THERE'S A HIGH WIND BLOWING, AND YET THE LEAVES AREN'T EVEN - FLUTTERING!

CAMOUFLAGE!

SAY, OUR ENGINES' CONKING! SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH OUR MOTOR!

THIS INFRA-RED RAY LENS WILL SHOW IT UP, SHIELD. THAT OUGHTA BE ALL THE PROOF WE NEED!

SPUT-SPUT

THE SHIELD IS FORCED TO MAKE A CRASH LANDING INTO THE FORESTS BELOW...

HMM... UNLESS WE HI-JACK A PLANE FROM THE NAZI BASE NEARBY, WE MIGHT GET AWAY WITH IT AT THAT, IF WE WORK FAST!

HERE WE ARE AT THE OUT-SKIRTS OF THE BASE... SHH, A SENTRY. I'LL HANDLE HIM!

BOY... WE'RE LUCKY TO GET OUT ALIVE. BUT NOW WHAT'LL WE DO? WE'RE STUCK HERE UNLESS...

INSIDE THE CABIN... AND YOU'RE SURE OUR SECRET IS SAFE, NOW?

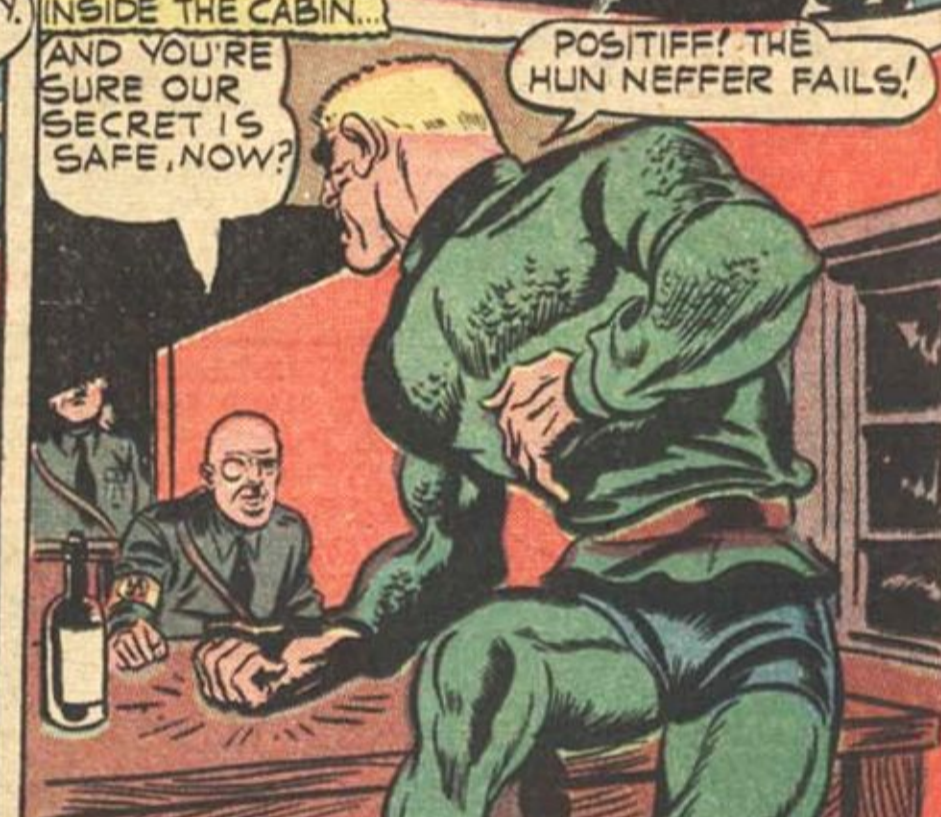
POSITIFF! THE HUN NEFFER FAILS!

NOW VE CAN BIDE OUR TIME UNTIL VE ARE READY TO STRIKE! HEIL HITLER!

DERE IS ONLY VUN T'ING DOT BODDERS ME... DER SHIELD... IF ONLY I COULD GET MY HANDS ON HIM UND DOT BRAT...

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE, HUN!

HEIL!



GETTING MY HANDS ON YOU HAS BEEN BOTHERING ME, TOO... BUTCHER!

UGH!

SPLAT

HOLD HIM, HUN! I VILL GET DER GUARDS!

THE HECK YOU WILL!

WHAM!

OOMP!

GLUG

YOU'RE COMIN' BACK INSIDE!

THE GUARDS ARE COMING! EVERYTHING'S OKAY... GET IT!

JA... I... UNDERSTAND... DON'T SHOOT!

VE HEARD NOISES, KAPITAN! IS SOMEDINGS WRONG?

N-NEIN. GO BACK TO Y-YOUR POSTS. V-VE ARE CHUST HAFFING A LIDLE F-F-F-FUN!

FUN? A FUNNY WAY TO HAVE FUN!

IT'S NONE OF OUR BUS-INESS, FRITZ! DER KAPITAN SAID EFFERY-T'ING IS ALL-RIGHT, NEIN?

WHILE INSIDE.

I'LL CRUSH YOUR HEAD LIKE AN EGG-SHELL...OOF!

WELL MORE COMPANY!

HERE, GET ON THIS PHONE AND SAY WHAT I TELL YOU!

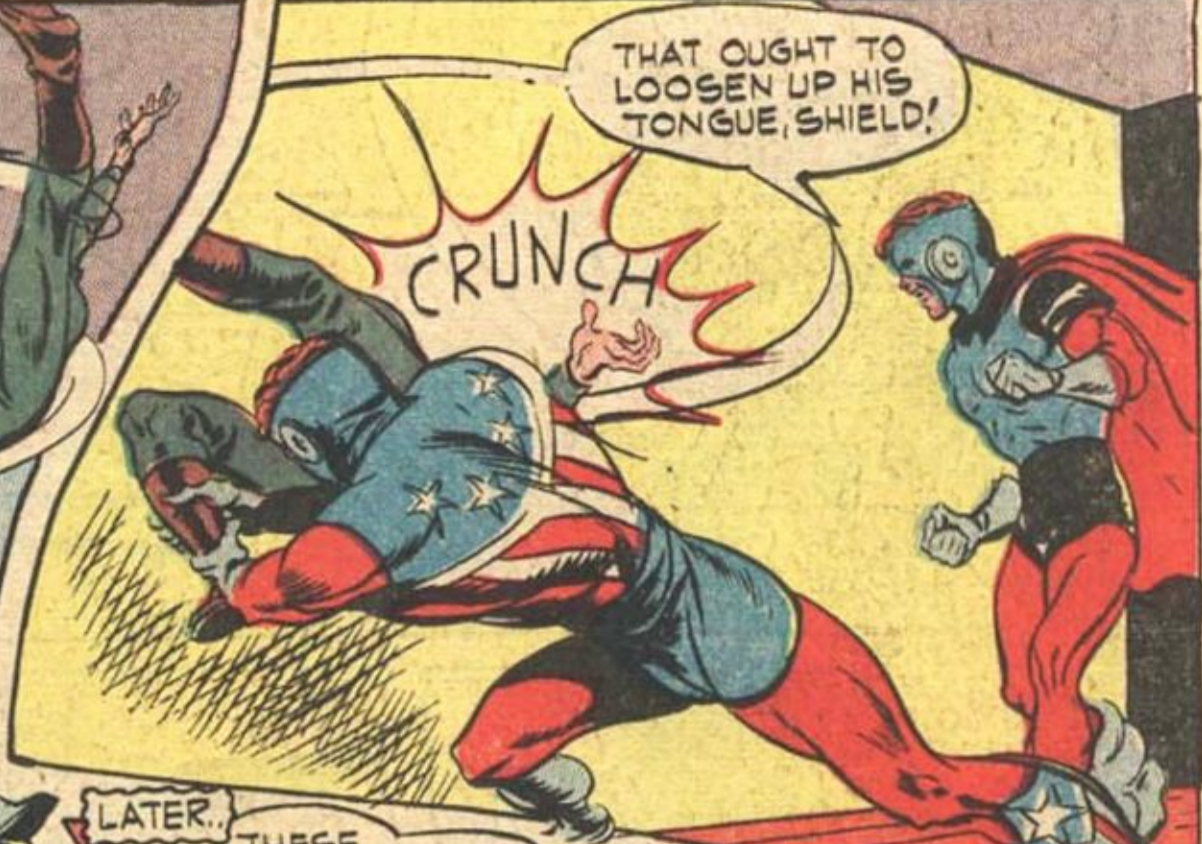
NEFFER! YOU CANNOT IN-TIMIDATE A PURE ARYAN! YOU CAN KILL ME, BUT.





SAY, YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING THERE!

YEEOWW! NO-NO!



THAT OUGHT TO LOOSEN UP HIS TONGUE, SHIELD!

CRUNCH



NOW HAVE A PLANE READY AND WAITING FOR ME - OR DO YOU WANT SOME MORE?

LATER... THESE UNIFORMS ARE A QUICK FIT BUT WE OUGHT TO GET BY IN THE DARK!

THAT'S WHAT I CALL SERVICE, DUSTY!



AS THE DUO STEP INTO THE PLANE...

SHTOP DEM... DEY ARE SPIES!

LET 'EM HAVE IT, DUSTY!

OH, OH, I DIDN'T HIT THE HUN AS HARD AS I THOUGHT!



POW



IT'S A PLEASURE!

NEXT DAY.



AND NOW IT'S BACK TO THE BIG CITY! GOT THAT PHOTOGRAPH, DUSTY?

AND PLENTY OTHERS, SHIELD!



AMAZING!

THOSE PICTURES MAY BE FAKES!



NO! THEY ARE UNDENIABLE PROOFS OF ENEMY AGGRESSION. WE OWE THESE TWO AMERICANS MANY THANKS, SENORS!



NO, GENTLEMEN, THE REAL HEROES ARE LYING IN THEIR GRAVES, NOW! THANK THEM BY IMMEDIATE ACTION!



WELL, IT'S GOOD TO BE HOME AGAIN!

LOOK! A TELEGRAM FOR US!

WESTERN TELEGRAPH
CONGRATULATION
SHIELD STOP NAZI
BASE CLEANED UP
STOP YOU DID A
MAGNIFICENT JOB
UNITED STATES AND
MEXICO JUST ENTERED
INTO MUTUAL DEFENSE
PACT STOP BIG STEP
TOWARD CONTINENTAL
SOLIDARITY
THE CHIEF

WELL, THAT'S THAT. NOW FOR OUR LABORATORY AND SOME OF OUR OWN UNFINISHED BUSINESS TO CLEAR UP!



TURN ON THE JUICE, DUSTY... I'LL SOON KNOW ONCE AND FOR ALL WHETHER I'LL REGAIN MY SUPER-POWERS!

DOES THE SHIELD REGAIN HIS SUPER-POWERS? THIS IS THE BURNING QUESTION ON THE LIPS OF A NATION AND THE ANSWER IS TO BE HAD ONLY IN THE AUGUST ISSUE OF PEP COMICS. DON'T BE CAUGHT SHORT THERE'S GOING TO BE A RUN ON THE STANDS... GET YOUR COPY OF PEP EARLY!

STARRING

by IRVING H. NAVICK

DUSTY

THE SPECTACULAR BOY DETECTIVE

AN OPEN LETTER TO MY FANS -----
 I'M PASSING ON THIS ADVENTURE TO YOU, ONLY BECAUSE I PROMISED THE SHIELD I WOULD!
 OKAY, SO I PLAY A DRUM IN A GIRLS' BAND IN THIS YARN...
 SO WHAT? I HAD PLENTY OF REASON FOR DOING IT...
 AND IF ANYBODY CALLS ME A SISSY, I'LL...
 WELL SUPPOSE YOU READ ON AND SEE WHAT I MEAN!

YOUR PAL,
Dusty



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IN THE SMALL HOURS OF THE NIGHT A WINDOW IS STEALTHILY OPENED....





I DON'T EVER WANT TO SEE THIS SCHOOL ANYMORE OR ANY OF THE NASTY GIRLS I THOUGHT WERE MY FRIENDS!



I'VE GOT TO SEE MY DADDY. HE'S INNOCENT. I JUST KNOW HE COULDN'T HAVE DONE THE THING THEY ARRESTED HIM FOR!



NO ONE HAS SEEN ME. I'LL CHANGE IN HERE!

HASTILY JUDY MARSHALL GOES ABOUT THE BUSINESS OF CHANGING HER CLOTHES



THEY'LL NEVER THINK OF LOOKING FOR ME IN BOY'S CLOTHES. NOW TO GET TO DADDY-BUT HOW? I HAVE NO MONEY!



I'LL GO BY FREIGHT! LIKE I'VE READ IN BOOKS. THERE'S AN EMPTY BOX CAR!



AS THE FREIGHT CAR SLOWS DOWN JUDY LEAPS PERILOUSLY, AND--



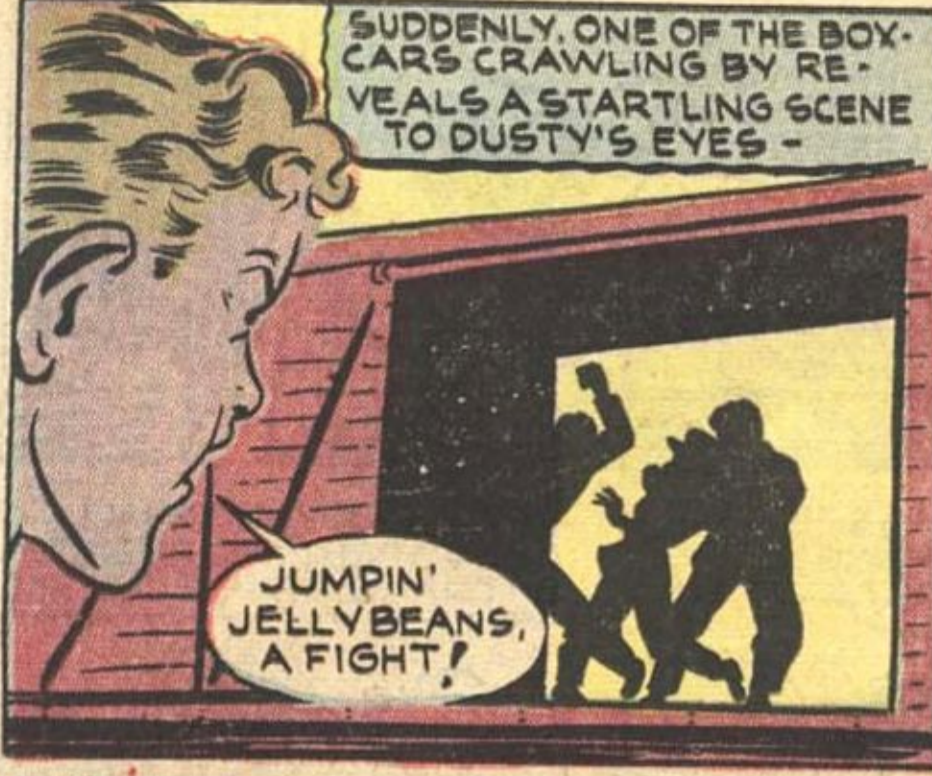
NEXT DAY, IN NEW YORK, DUSTY PAUSES TO CHAT WITH A FRIEND, A RAILROAD EMPLOYEE -

KEEPING YOUR EYES OPEN FOR SABOTEURS, PADDY?

YOU BET, DUSTY. CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES THESE DAYS!

SUDDENLY, ONE OF THE BOX-CARS CRAWLING BY RE-VEALS A STARTLING SCENE TO DUSTY'S EYES -

JUMPIN' JELLY BEANS, A FIGHT!



PROBABLY JUST A BRAWL BETWEEN SOME HOBOES BUT IT'S TWO AGAINST ONE.. I DON'T LIKE THAT!



SO I'LL JUST TAKE A HAND TO EVEN UP THE SCORE A BIT!



I CAN MOVE EASIER IN THESE!



WELL, HERE GOES!



LOW BRIDGE, PAL! YOU'VE GOT YOUR NECK STUCK OUT TOO FAR!

OOOOOOO!





AS THE CUT-THROAT SWINGS MERCILESSLY.





THEY SAW THE RING ON MY FINGER AND WE'RE TRYING TO ROB ME!

WHAT IN! YOU.. YOU...



YOU'RE A GIRL! WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT ANYWAY? WHAT ARE YOU DOING RIDING THE RODS?

I'M JUDY MARSHALL! THEY'VE PUT MY FATHER IN JAIL FOR EMBEZZLING FUNDS - I CAME TO SEE HIM!



I HAD NO MONEY, SO THIS WAS THE ONLY WAY TO THE CITY! MY DADDY WROTE TO THE FINISHING SCHOOL I WAS AT NOT TO LET ME COME, SO I HAD TO RUN AWAY!



HMM! SOUNDS INVOLVED BUT I'M WITH YOU ALL THE WAY, JUDY! MY NAME'S DUSTY!

THANKS AWFULLY, DUSTY, I NEED YOUR HELP!



AT GRAND CENTRAL STATION DUSTY CALLS THE SHIELD --

HELLO, SHIELD! I'M BRINGING A YOUNG LADY OVER - NOW, NO WISE-CRACKS!



AFTER JUDY IS OUTFITTED WITH GIRL'S CLOTHES, SHE AND DUSTY GO TO VISIT HER FATHER -



JUDY, JUDY, MY DARLING! IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU!



BUT, JUDY! HOW DID YOU GET AWAY FROM SCHOOL? YOU WEREN'T EXPELLED?



NO, DADDY DEAR-I CAME TO HELP YOU! ONLY, SO FAR I'VE BEEN HELPED MYSELF-BY DUSTY!

THANKS FOR LOOKING AFTER MY LITTLE GIRL, DUSTY!



WHAT HAVE THEY GOT YOU IN HERE FOR MR. MARSHALL?

MY PARTNER EMBEZZLED THE FIRM'S FUNDS AND FLED-I'M LEFT HOLDING THE BAG!



IF I COULD RAISE THE CASH FOR THE BAIL, I'D BE ABLE TO PROVE MY INNOCENCE... BUT I MIGHT AS WELL WISH FOR THE MOON! HE CLEANED ME OUT ALONG WITH MY INVESTORS!

JUDY SINGS AND THE LIQUID MELODY POURS FROM HER HEART AND THROAT IN A CASCADE OF BEAUTIFUL MUSIC-



WE'LL GET YOU OUT SOMEHOW, DADDY.. WHAT YOU NEED NOW, IS SOMETHING TO CHEER YOU UP.. I KNOW HOW- I'M GOING TO SING THAT SONG YOU ALWAYS LOVED!



THANKS, JUDY, IT WAS LOVELY. YOU'VE MADE ME FEEL MUCH BETTER!

WE'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW, DAD!

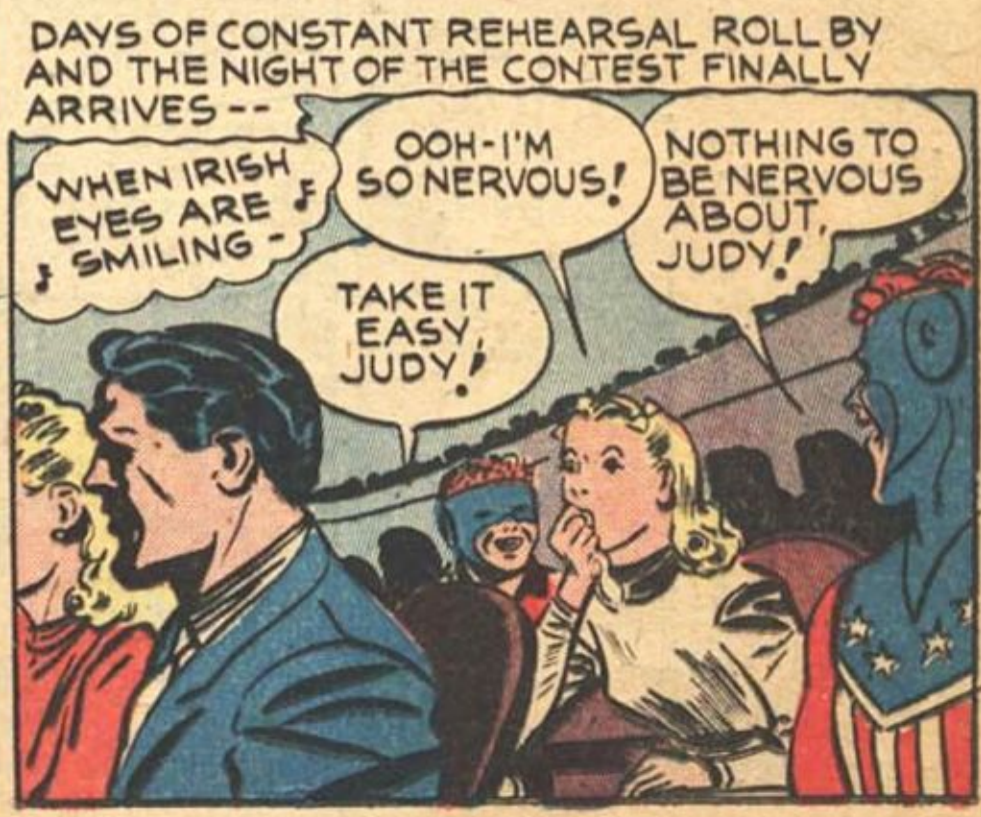


WOW! WHAT A VOICE - YOU'VE REALLY GOT SOMETHING THERE, JUDY!

OH DUSTY! HOW AM I EVER GOING TO HELP DADDY, NOW!

ZIP ADVERTISING

5000 PRIZE FOR WINNERS OF SONG CONTEST SPONSORED BY GIL BITALNY'S ALL-GIRL ORCHESTRA! YOU MAY BE THE LUCKY GIRL - WHY NOT TRY? AUDITIONS TO BE HELD ON STATION XYZ - SPONSORED BY M.L.J.





AND NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, OUR FINAL CONTEST - ANT, MISS JUDY MARSHALL!



WITH JUDY AT THE MIKE, THE LEADER OF THE ALL-GIRLS ORCHESTRA GIVES THE SIGNAL -

READY ON THE DOWN-BEAT!



BUT JUDY GETS "MIKE-FRIGHT" -

I CAN'T DO IT - I JUST CAN'T - I CAN'T SING!



JUDY! C'MON! GIVE - EVERY - THING DEPENDS ON IT!

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH JUDY?



DUSTY GETS AN IDEA AND SPRINGING INTO ACTION -

MIND IF I BORROW YOUR TRAPS, MISS?



SAY - WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

IT'S DUSTY!

ALRIGHT, JUDY, SWING IT!



WITH DUSTY BEATING OUT THE RHYTHM JUDY'S "MIKE FRIGHT" VANISHES AND SHE REALLY GOES TO TOWN -



THAT'S SENDING, JUDY! - YAHOO!

BANG BANG

BOOM



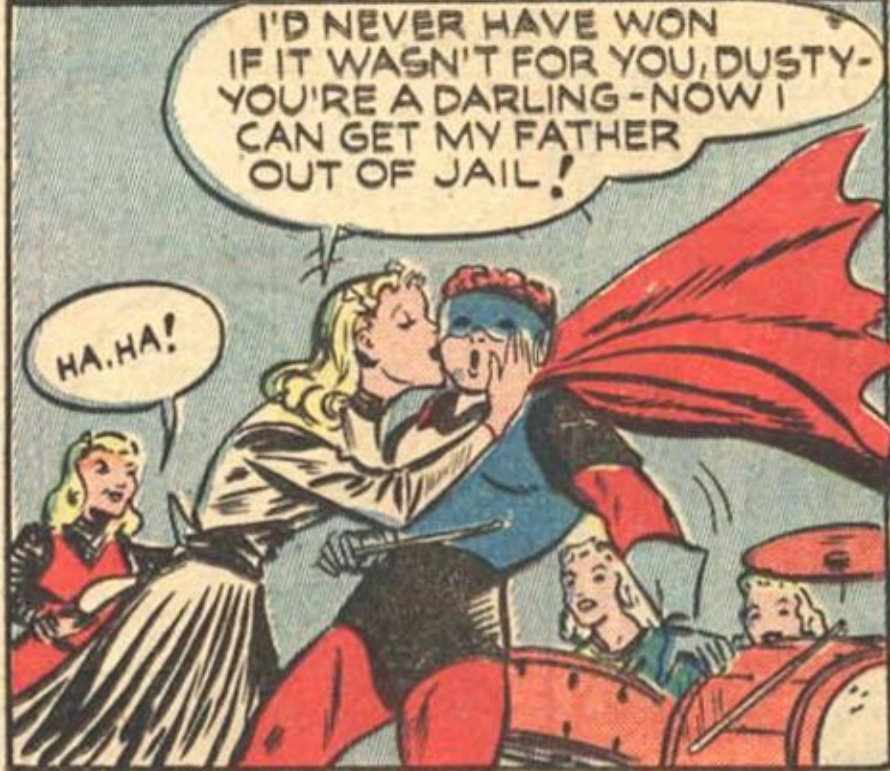
THE AUDIENCE BURSTS INTO WILD APPLAUSE WHEN JUDY FINISHES --



AFTER THE VOTES ARE IN -

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, YOU'VE CHOSEN JUDY MARSHALL! FOR THE \$5000 PRIZE!

OOH!



I'D NEVER HAVE WON IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU, DUSTY - YOU'RE A DARLING - NOW I CAN GET MY FATHER OUT OF JAIL!

HA, HA!



ISN'T HE THE CUTEST LITTLE DARLING!

I'VE JUST GOT TO KISS HIM!

HEY! CUT IT OUT!

DUSTY, YOU WERE WONDERFUL!

LET ME AT HIM, GIRLS!



HA, HA... HOW DO YOU DO IT, DUSTY? MAYBE I DID THE WRONG THING - LEARNING TO PLAY THE PIANO!

OH, CUTIE-PIE, YOO-HOO!



WISE GUY, HUH!



WAVE A LACE HANKY AT ME, WILL YA?



WHO'S THE CUTIE-PIE - NOW?



AND NOW, MAYBE YOU'VE GOT SOME MORE WISE-CRACKS, SHIELD!

WHO-ME?



IT MUST HAVE BEEN A VENTRILOQUIST I TELL YOU - I NEVER SAID A WORD, DUSTY!

YOU'RE REALLY ON THE BEAM WHEN YOU BUY PEP COMICS... THE SHIELD & DUSTY THE SPECTACULAR BOY DETECTIVE ARE ALWAYS IN THE GROOVE WITH A STIRRING, AND ALWAYS ORIGINAL ADVENTURE

VICTORY or DEATH

A SHIELD STORY



THE words still rang in the Shield's mind as he glided into the pitch black center hall, "Not only my father's life, but the fate of America may be at stake. You must not fail!"

Jane Frazee had not been exaggerating when she said that. She did not know that she was telling the Shield. To her, the mighty man of justice appeared as merely the F.B.I. man, Joe Higgins.

But the disappearance of her father, the famous inventor, Elijah Frazee, was a case that demanded the Shield's personal attention. Elijah Frazee's secret radium ray would be worth whole armies to the Nazi madmen, and they would stop at nothing to get it.

The Shield stopped, listening. The corridor was dark. Nowhere was there a sign of life.

The Shield had come to Titus Randolph's home because,

as Elijah's best friend, he might have had some clue to Elijah's sudden disappearance. But something seemed to be queer about the place. Even the empty rooms seemed to be holding their breath, taut with a sense of mystery.

Again The Shield heard the faint sound that had drawn his attention. It seemed to come from directly ahead.

The Shield moved with the speed and grace of a striking cat. Even his feet made no sound on the wooden planking of the floor.

Suddenly he brought up short. There was nothing before him but a blank wall!

Yet the sound had come from somewhere beyond that wall!

Straining every faculty, The Shield's acute hearing again picked up the sound of a cry, weaker this time, as though a man were passing through the final stages of physical torture! The Shield did not wait to hear more.

Bracing his tremendous

muscles, he drove his shoulder like a battering ram against the sheer plaster and stone of the wall. Against the shock of that terrific impact, the wall shook, great cracks appeared down its surface.

Once again The Shield gave a mighty lunge. This time the plaster crumbled, the stone broke and fell away, a portion of the wall broke through!

The Shield catapulted into a garishly lighted, octagonal chamber. He landed sprawling on all fours in the center of the room.

The scene that met his eyes was like some nightmare fantasy of horror!

On a flat operating table in one corner of the chamber the figure of Elijah Frazee was tightly lashed between two flat carbon electrodes. A blue spark raced from the electrodes across the body of the prisoner. Elijah Frazee's face was streaming with sweat, his face drawn and twisted with pain.

Above him, was the tall, stooped frame of Titus Randolph. Only there was no friendliness on that gaunt face now. Stark cruelty, a fanatic resolve, was written into every

line of his dark countenance.

His eyes blazed with mad purpose as he whirled to confront The Shield.

"You dare to meddle with my plans!" he cried. "You'll never escape alive!"

With a wild, triumphant laugh Titus reached behind him, threw the switch. Instantly, a low hum sounded through the room.

Swift, stabbing pain shot through every fiber of The Shield's body. A highly charged electric field filled the room, robbing him of the ability to move a muscle.

Titus Randolph's laugh had more than a hint of madness. "You are bathed in infra-red light, Shield," he gloated. "By means of this control lever, I can concentrate the rays wherever I like, and I can increase it to unbelievable proportions!"

Titus Randolph's hand moved the control lever. "And now I shall destroy you, Shield, and with you the last barrier to my plans!"

The humming sound increased, pervaded the room with its throbbing. The Shield gathered his strength to resist the terrible power of the rays.

For long moments the titanic struggle went on. The glittering eyes of Titus Ran-

dolph watched him like a snake.

"Astounding!" Titus murmured. "These radiations are strong enough to destroy any living matter. The mere heat power would melt a solid rock. And yet . . ." Fumbling, his hand reached for the lever, pushed it down. "This will finish you! Not even The Shield can withstand the full power of these rays!"

The humming sound became louder, shriller. The Shield felt his bodily temperature rise as the deadly radiations made their power felt. His brain began to whirl and strange shapes appeared before his eyes.

Then like a hot brand the words burned into the Shield's brain, "The fate of America may be at stake. You must not fail!"

Slowly, the fog began to clear from his mind. The room came back into focus. Like a man struggling in the grasp of some invisible power, The Shield fought to free himself. He took one faltering step, then another.

Titus Randolph flung his hand before his eyes. "No! No!" he screamed. His voice broke with terror. "You can't still be alive! You can't be!"

The Shield took another step toward him. Titus gave a short,

choked cry. Then he ran blindly, seeking to escape.

He ran straight into the path of the infra-ray!

So intense was the power of that ray, so inhumanly terrible its effect, that Titus Randolph's whole body lit up like a flaming torch!

He burned with a bright flame, as a match burns. So quick was his disintegration that he was no more than ashes before his toppling body could reach the floor!

In another instant, The Shield reached the control lever, pulled it back. The humming ceased. As The Shield bent over the body of the old inventor, Elijah Frazee turned tear-brimmed eyes to him.

"Thank heaven you came—in time," he said.

Later, when they had left the house of horror Elijah told The Shield how Titus had found out about his radium ray. Mad with jealousy and greed, Titus had planned to torture the secret from Elijah and sell it to the enemies of his country.

But his diabolic plans had been wrecked by The Shield. Another service to his country had been added to the long list by which The Shield had helped to keep America safe and free!

The WIZARD

WITH
ROY
THE
SUPER-BOY

THE PERFECT CRIME
MOST SOUGHT AFTER AC-
COMPLISHMENT OF ALL
CRIMINALS SINCE TIME
BEGAN. HAS IT AT LAST
BEEN COMMITTED?
SEE WHAT THE WIZARD
AND ROY DO TO GATHER
UP THE LOOSE THREADS
OF THIS PATTERN OF
MURDER AND UN-
RAVEL THE "RIDDLE OF
THE PERFECT CRIME."

MURDERMAN
ED BRESNICK

THIS MAN'S DEAD. THERE'S
NOTHING MYSTERIOUS ABOUT
IT, IT'S MERELY A CASE OF
HEART FAILURE.

LATER HEH, HEH!
DEATH FROM NATURAL
CAUSES HEH! THE
FOOLS! AT LAST
I'VE COMMITTED
THE PERFECT
CRIME!

THAT POISON I
SLIPPED INTO HIS
DINNER ACTED PER-
FECTLY, AND IT'S
UNTRACEABLE.

DAILY
JAMES BRAUN
FOUND DEAD
IN HOME
DR. SAYS DEATH
DUE TO HEART
FAILURE.



BUT THE "PERFECT CRIME"
PROVES TO BE ONLY A PLAY
OF THE SAME NAME...
AND IS MET WITH ENTHUS-
IASTIC ACCLAIM!

AUTHOR!

AUTHOR!

CLAP
CLAP

THE PROUD AUTHOR TAKES HIS
BOWS -

THANK
YOU!

IN THE AUDIENCE WE
FIND BLANE WHITNEY
AND JANE
BARLOW -

COME ON,
JANE!

THAT'S
PROBABLY
THE BEST THING
HAIG'S EVER
WRITTEN!
I THINK
YOU'RE
RIGHT, JANE!

NEXT DAY
AT THE
AUTHOR'S
HOME....

SO FAR, SO
GOOD. MOST
OF THE CRITICS
AGREE THAT I'VE
GOT A HIT!

LET'S
SEE WHAT
WINDFALL
HAS TO
SAY. HIS
CRITICISM
IS USUALLY
BEST
RECEIVED!

BRIGHT LIGHTS
WALLACE WINDFALL
THE PERFECT CRIME
CAN NEVER BE COMMIT-
ED DESPITE WHAT PLAY-
WRIGHT LAURENCE HAIG
THINKS. IN EVERY ACTION
THERE ARE CERTAIN CIR-
CUMSTANCES WHICH
ARISE AND CREATE NAT-
URAL LOOPHOLES WHICH
ARE OVERLOOKED AND
BREAK DOWN PERFECTION!
DESPITE ANOTHER
EYE-FULL OF
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THAT BLASTED
IDIOT! HIS
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MIGHT BE
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THE
ENTIRE
SHOW!

I'LL
SHOW HIM
JUST HOW
POSSIBLE IT
IS TO COMMIT
THE PERFECT
CRIME. THE
FOOL - HE,
HIMSELF, SHALL
BE THE PROOF
OF MY
THEORY!



AND NOW BEGINS THE UNCONTROLLED CIRCUMSTANCES" STARTING OUT LIKE A RIPPLE IN A STREAM WHICH NO CRIMINAL CAN FORSEE - AND WHICH MAKES THE "PERFECT CRIME" IMPOSSIBLE. IT BEGINS WHEN A CALL IS SENT OUT FOR THE WIZARD BY THE POLICE.



HERE'S POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS NOW, WONDER WHAT THE CHIEF WANTS?



OH IT'S YOU WIZARD. I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE. I'VE AN IMPORTANT FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU!

HELLO, CHIEF WARREN.



WE'RE STAGING A PRACTICE BLACKOUT IN THE CITY TONIGHT. AND WITH ALL THE LIGHTS OUT THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN!



I THOUGHT, POSSIBLY, YOU WOULDN'T MIND SORT OF STICKING AROUND AND HELPING THE POLICE KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS.

I'D BE HAPPY TO, CHIEF.



I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THOSE BLACKOUT PRACTICES ARE TO NATIONAL DEFENSE AND I'D HATE TO SEE ANYTHING GO WRONG DURING ONE!



HI ROY!

WELL, I'LL BE - MOE WHAT ARE YOU DRESSED FOR?

MEANWHILE, AT BLANE'S OFFICE.



WHADDYA MEAN. I'M AN AIR RAID WARDEN AND I'VE GOT TO GO ON DUTY AT THE BLACKOUT, TONIGHT!

SAY THAT SOUNDS LIKE FUN. MIND IF I TAG ALONG. I'M SICK OF WAITING FOR BLANE, ANYHOW!

NOT AT ALL, LET'S GO!



OH, I SEE OSCAR'S IN ON THIS SHOW TOO, EH! YEAH! THE SON OF A GUN WOULDN'T STAY HOME!



HOP IN, ROY!



MY POST IS RIGHT DOWN THE NEXT CORNER.

NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS WAIT RIGHT HERE FOR THE BLACKOUT TO GO INTO EFFECT.



MEANWHILE, NEARBY, IN THE HOME OF WINDFALL, THE CRITIC, WE FIND HAIG, THE PLAYRIGHT, AND WINDFALL.

YOU WILL HAVE TO ADMIT, FRANKLY, THAT YOU WENT OFF THE DEEP END ON THAT PERFECT CRIME STUFF!

BUT YOU'RE IN FOR A RUDE AWAKENING, OLD BOY, BECAUSE THE PERFECT CRIME IS BEING COMMITTED RIGHT NOW AND YOU'RE THE VICTIM!

I'M GLAD YOU'RE NOT ANGRY LARRY!

MAYBE SO, WALLY!

WHAT! YOU MUST BE MAD! YOU'RE ONLY JOKING!



NOT AT ALL, FRIEND. IF YOU REMEMBER MY PLAY, THE MURDER WAS COMMITTED BY THE USE OF AN UN-TRACEABLE POISON!

IT WAS EASY TO SLIP JUST SUCH A POISON INTO YOUR DRINK! YOUR DEATH WILL LOOK LIKE A NATURAL ONE, AND NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW!

YOU CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THIS! UGH!



WHILE DOWN-STAIRS.



THERE GOES THE WARNING SIREN, BOYS!



AND THERE GO THE LIGHTS! THE BLACKOUT'S ON NOW!



SUDDENLY. HEY, LOOK AT THAT LIGHT UP THERE!



THE BLASTED IDIOTS, I'LL HAVE TO GO UP AND ORDER IT TURNED OUT!



WAIT A MINUTE OSCAR, YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE! COME BACK HERE!



UPSTAIRS, GOODBYE, MY DEAR CRITIC, TOO BAD YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO FIND ANY OF YOUR UNEXPECTED CIRCUMSTANCES IN THIS CASE!

AS HAIGRUSHES DOWN THE STAIRS, MOE DASHES MADLY UP, UNSEEN BY HIM.



AND--



OOP!

AS THEY COLLIDE, HAIG'S WATCH DROPS FROM HIS POCKET.



HEY WHAT'S THE IDEA!

SORRY, CHUM, CAN'T STOP TO ARGUE!



NUTS!

AWK! AWK!



WHILE OUTSIDE. WHAT'S KEEPING MOE. HE'S UP THERE A LONG TIME!



WONDER WHO'S CHASING THAT GUY?



FUNNY - THAT LIGHT'S STILL ON!



I'D BETTER GO UP AND SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING!



WHAT HAPPENED MOE? WHO HIT YOU!
AW, SOME CLUCK WAS IN A HURRY TO GET SOMEWHERE, AND HE RAN INTO ME!





BUT I TELL YOU THERE'S SOMETHING PHONEY ABOUT THIS! THAT MAN RUNNING OUT OF THE BUILDING!

NONSENSE, KID, YOU HEARD THE DOC!



THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG HERE. I'VE GOT TO CONTACT THE WIZARD, HE'LL HELP ME!



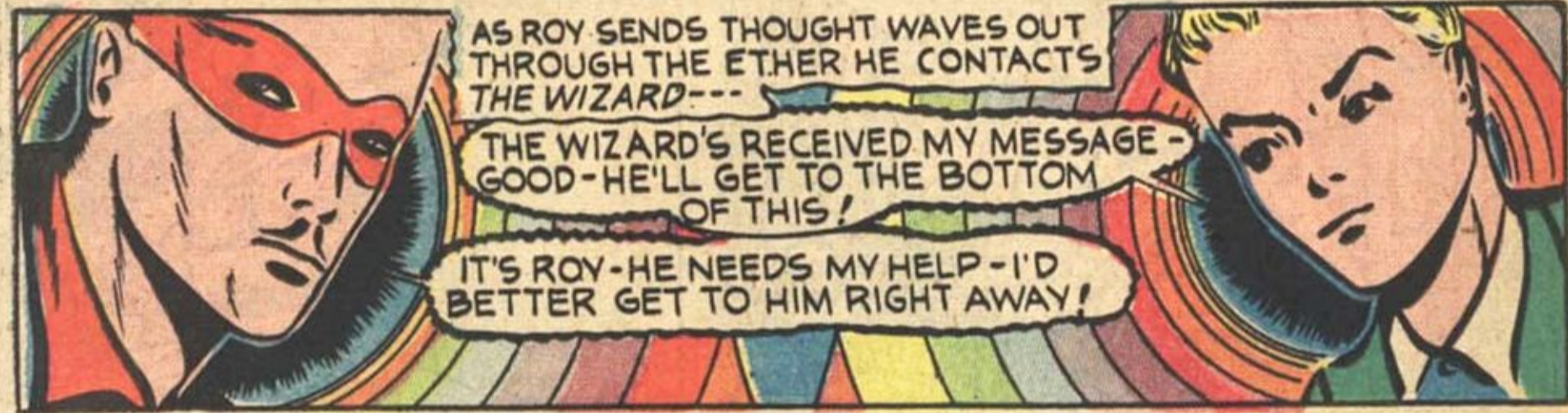
MEANWHILE-

I'LL HAVE ONE MORE LOOK AROUND AND CALL IT A NIGHT!



JUST THEN-

SOMETHING'S STIRRING IN MY BRAIN - SOMEONE'S TRYING TO REACH ME!



AS ROY SENDS THOUGHT WAVES OUT THROUGH THE ETHER HE CONTACTS THE WIZARD---

THE WIZARD'S RECEIVED MY MESSAGE - GOOD - HE'LL GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS!

IT'S ROY - HE NEEDS MY HELP - I'D BETTER GET TO HIM RIGHT AWAY!



MUST BE SOMETHING IMPORTANT!



OH, CHIEF, CAN I HAVE A PICTURE FOR MY PAPER T IT MIGHT MAKE A GOOD STORY, YOU KNOW - FIRST DEATH OF THE BLACK-OUT.



HOLD YOUR WATCH, MOE. WE'LL TIE UP THE TIME WITH THAT OF THE BLACK-OUT!



SUDDENLY -

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

LET'S TAKE HIM AWAY, JOE!

THE WIZARD!



I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE, WIZARD. I'M SURE YOU CAN MAKE THESE FELLOWS UNDERSTAND!



HE'S NUTS, WIZARD-WE'VE GOT EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL HERE!



IF THAT'S THE CASE THERE'S NOTHING FOR ME TO DO HERE - I'M SUPPOSED TO HELP THE POLICE - NOT WORK AGAINST THEM!



NEXT DAY AT BLANE WHITNEY'S OFFICE -

SAY, MOE, WHERE'D YOU GET THIS WATCH YOU'RE HOLDING IN THE PICTURE?

OH THAT-



I ALMOST FORGOT! THE GUY WHO KNOCKED ME DOWN DROPPED IT...IT SLIPPED MY MIND LAST NIGHT!

WHERE IS IT?



I CAN'T FIND IT - I HAD IT RIGHT IN MY POCKET!

TOO BAD! IF THERE WAS ANY FOUL PLAY INVOLVED IN THAT DEATH - THE WATCH MIGHT HAVE HELPED PROVE IT!



SUDDENLY -

WHAT'S THAT TICKING SOUND?

WHY, IT'S OSCAR!



HE MUST HAVE SWALLOWED THE WATCH!

WELL, THAT'S THAT!



WHAT ARE WE GOING TO WATCH MOE'S HOUSE FOR, WIZARD?

I'M SURE SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN IF THE OWNER OF THAT WATCH SEES THE PICTURE IN THE PAPER!

THAT NIGHT-



MEANWHILE AT HAIG'S HOME -

WHAT'S THIS?



WHY, THAT LOOKS LIKE MY WATCH AND CHAIN - I COULDN'T MISTAKE THEM!

AIR RAID WARDEN - MOE THE CABBY



THAT'S THE FELLOW I RAN INTO AND THAT'S MY WATCH, ALRIGHT. NO TELLING WHAT HE KNOWS - I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!



LATER-

LOOKS LIKE NOTHING'S GOING TO HAPPEN!

HOLD ON! I SEE SOMEONE COMING DOWN THE STREET!



A FEW MOMENTS LATER -

THIS IS THE PLACE!



I'LL JUST LEAVE THIS SURPRISE PACKAGE FOR MY AIR WARDEN FRIEND!



FUNNY, HE DIDN'T GO INSIDE! LOOKS LIKE HE LEFT SOMETHING OUT FRONT!



WHILE AT MOE'S HOUSE -

IF THIS HAD GONE OFF WE'D HAVE HAD TO PICK POOR MOE UP IN A VACUUM CLEANER!



I'D BETTER SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ROY! HERE HE IS NOW!

LOOK WHAT I FOUND!



SO YOU'RE THE ONE WHO KILLED WIND-FALL, EH, HAIG? PRETTY CLEVER!

YOU'RE CRAZY!



YOU'VE GOT NOTHING ON ME - WINDFALL DIED A NATURAL DEATH. WHY MAKE A FOOL OF YOURSELF?

PERHAPS YOU'RE RIGHT!



BUT I'M SURE YOU WON'T MIND WAITING FOR THE POLICE AND ANSWERING A FEW QUESTIONS!

OF COURSE NOT! I'M NOT AFRAID!



JUST THEN -

LISTEN TO THAT NOISE!

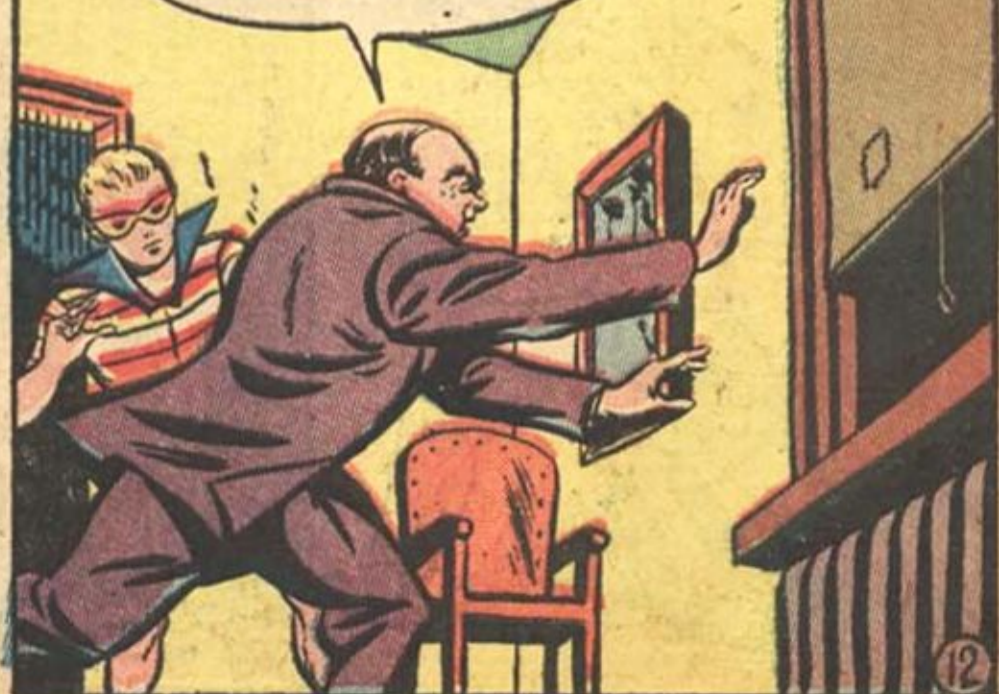


WHAT NOISE?

I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!



I'M NOT GOING TO BE BLOWN TO BITS!





WHAT'S THE MATTER - DO WE BORE YOU ?

LET GO! YOU FOOL!



LET ME GO - I TELL YOU THERE'S A TIME BOMB PLANTED HERE - IT'LL GO OFF ANY MINUTE!



SUDDENLY -

HEY, WHAT'S ALL THE RACKET ABOUT ?

TICK TICK



CAN'T A GUY GET ANY SLEEP IN HIS OWN HOUSE ?



THERE'S THE TIME BOMB - YOUR WATCH INSIDE OSCAR!



SEE HAIG, YOU TRIPPED YOURSELF UP. YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD COMMITTED THE PERFECT CRIME!



BUT CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND YOUR CONTROL DID ENTER IN - YOU DIDN'T RECKON ON THE BLACK-OUT WHICH CONSEQUENTLY LED TO THE LOSS OF YOUR WATCH AND THIS CONCLUSION!



DARN YOU, OSCAR, IT'S BAD ENOUGH TRYING TO SLEEP AROUND HERE WITHOUT THAT TICKING - I'M GOING TO PUT A STOP TO IT!



LOOKS LIKE YOU'LL GET YOUR WATCH BACK AFTER ALL, HAIG!

FOLLOW THE WIZARD AND ROY THE SUPERBOY EVERY MONTH IN TOP NOTCH COMICS! 13

THE WIZARD

with ROY THE SUPER-BOY



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WE CAME HERE TO GET WAR STORIES, JANE. BUT YOU'D NEVER THINK A WAR WAS GOING ON HERE !!



YES BLANE. BUT LETS STAY AWHILE THERE'S SOMETHING-- SO VAGUELY ALLURING HERE!



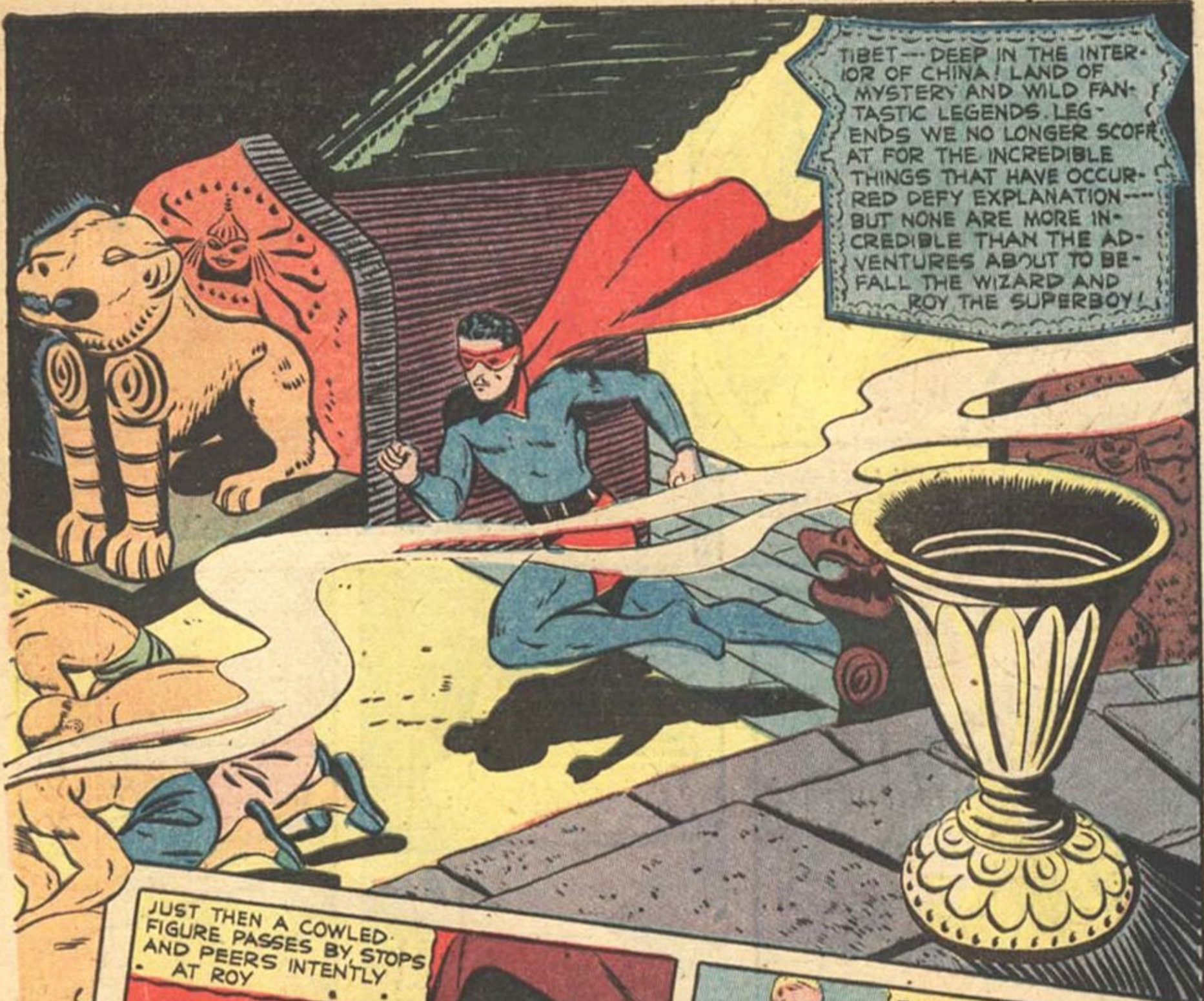
ALLURING (PHOOEY) THERE'S A WAR GOING ON ---- AND ALL YOU WOMEN CAN THINK OF IS ALLURE!



NOW, ROY---

Paul Reinman

TIBET--- DEEP IN THE INTERIOR OF CHINA! LAND OF MYSTERY AND WILD FANTASTIC LEGENDS. LEGENDS WE NO LONGER SCOFF AT FOR THE INCREDIBLE THINGS THAT HAVE OCCURRED DEFY EXPLANATION--- BUT NONE ARE MORE INCREDIBLE THAN THE ADVENTURES ABOUT TO BEFALL THE WIZARD AND ROY THE SUPERBOY!



JUST THEN A COWLED FIGURE PASSES BY STOPS AND PEERS INTENTLY AT ROY



THEN PASSES ON...

SAY WHAT WAS THAT MONK STARING AT ME FOR?



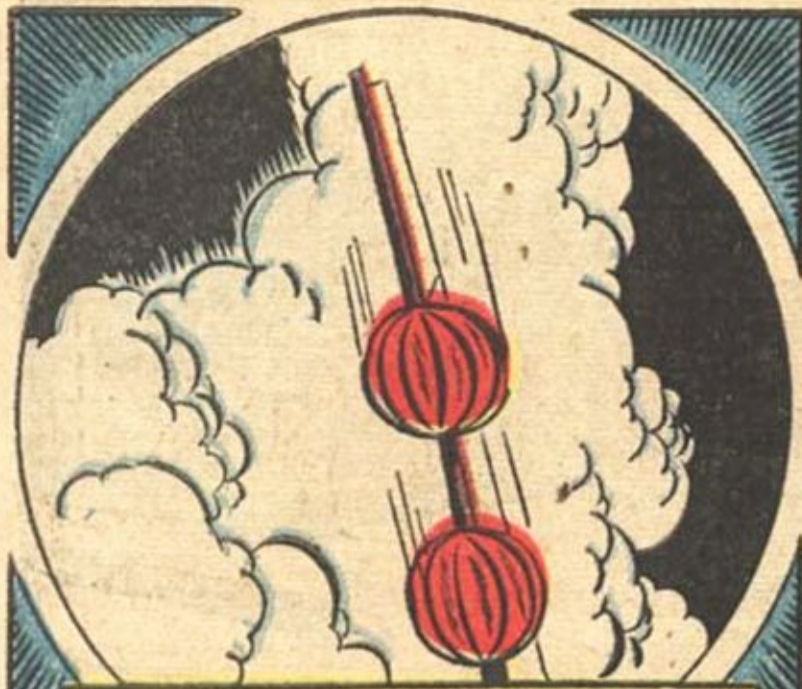
BRRR--- HE SURE GAVE ME THE CREEPS

HA, HA--- SO YOUR IMAGINATION IS GETTING YOU TOO!



BLANE, ROY!--- LOOK, THE AIR RAID BALLS. THEY'RE DESCENDING!





IN CHINA, RED BALLS ON A MAST, IN STEAD OF SIRENS SIGNAL AN AIR RAID WHEN THEY ARE SEEN TO DESCEND.



CONFUSION REIGNS AS THE POPULACE SCURRIES FRANTICALLY FOR SHELTER !!



HERE'S OUR HOTEL! --- COME ON JANE WE BETTER HUSTLE INTO THE AIR RAID CELLAR!



EVERY LIGHT IS DARKENED AND THE CITY IS SOON BLACKED OUT.



THEN THE BOMBERS COME ROARING OVER THE DARKENED CITY.



HA!-- LOOK, BELOW! OUR GUIDING SIGNAL!---- OUR AGENTS DO THEIR WORK WELL !!



WHAT THE JAP'S SEE --- FLAMES LICKING HUGE AND HUNGRY TONGUES AT THE SKY.



FIRE WHICH, WHEN VIEWED FROM GREAT HEIGHTS RESEMBLES AN ARROW POINTING THE WAY TO THE JAP'S TARGET.

AND SO WITH UNCANNY, ALMOST UNERRING ACCURACY, THE PLANES DIP TOWARD THEIR OBJECTIVE AND RELEASE THEIR MESSAGES OF DEATH !!!



BUT OTHER EYES HAVE ALSO SPOTTED THE SIGNAL. --- THE WIZARD AND ROY THE SUPER-BOY!



SAVAGELY THE DUO TEARS IN TO THE 'FIFTH COLUMNISTS.



YOU TAKE CARE OF 'EM ROY! I'M GOING TO TRY AND DOUSE THOSE FLAMES!



IS ONLY BOY LEFT! MAKE DISHONORABLE HASH OF IMP!



SO SOLLEE. MUST DISAGREE WITH SLANT EYED RATS!



AND AGAIN THE OMINOUS COWLED FIGURE! WHO IS THE MAN SO KEENLY INTERESTED IN THE SUPER-BOY?



MEANWHILE, THE WIZARD IN GREAT LEAPS HAS BOUNDED TO A CLIFF DIRECTLY OVER THE FLAMES.



LET'S SEE, THIS HUGE ROCK FORMATION MIGHT DO THE TRICK I'LL TEAR IT APART,.....



WRENCHING MIGHTILY THE WIZARD SOON SETS A LANDSLIDE INTO MOTION---



AND SOON ONLY SMOULDERING EMBERS REMAIN.



NICE WORK, WIZARD I DID ALL-RIGHT FOR MYSELF, TOO!

SO I SEE

RAID'S OVER, WIZARD---THE BALLS ARE GOING UP!!



AS ROY STARTS TO EXPLAIN, THEY PASS A STREET VENDOR IN A COWLED MONK'S ROBE!

Y' KNOW BLANE, MAYBE I'M BECOMING SLAP-HAPPY, OR SOMETHING!

WHY WHAT DO YOU MEAN, ROY?

WHILE WE WERE CLEANING UP ON THOSE JAPS I HAD THE QUEEREST FEELING OF BEING WATCHED--- AND NOW I'VE GOT IT AGAIN!



JANE'S "ALLURE" TALK HAS PROBABLY GOT YOUR GOAT, ROY-- HEY!--THAT SMOKE! WHERE'D IT COME FROM?



THAT'S FUNNY!--I DIDN'T NOTICE ANY FIRE!--ROY! ROY! WHERE ARE YOU?



WHEN THE SMOKE CLEARS----

I'LL BE ---HE'S GONE! SOMETHING SCREWY ABOUT THIS!

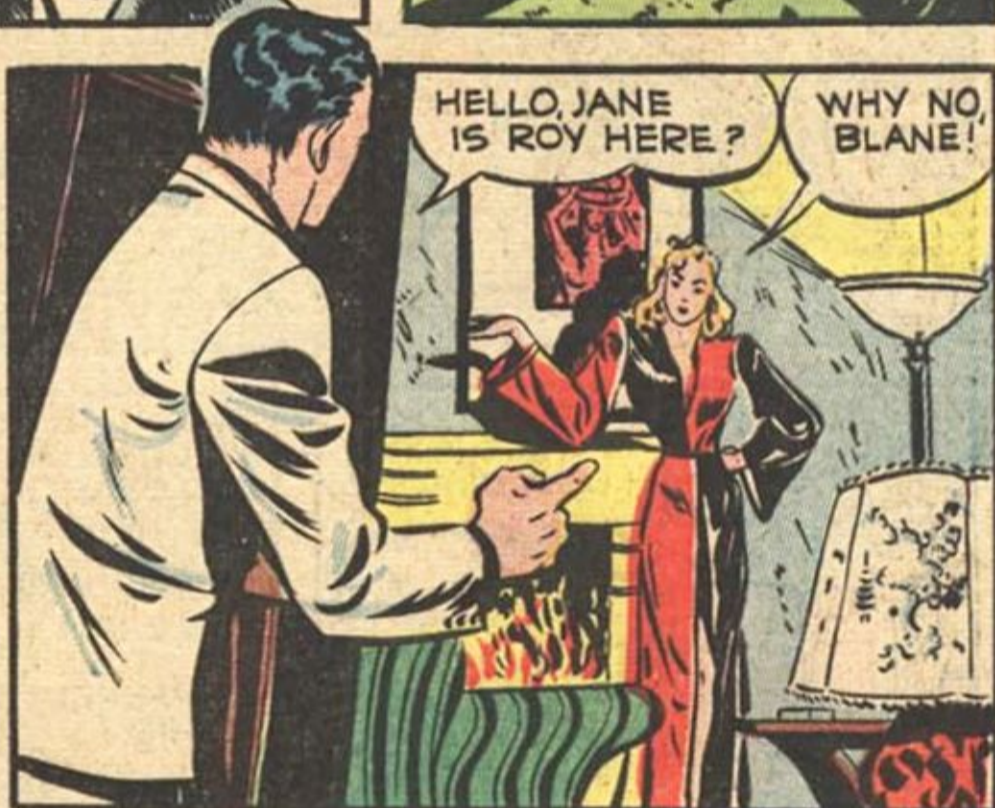


NUTS! I'M STARTING TO GET THE JUMPING MEEMIES MYSELF. ROY IS PROBABLY WAITING FOR ME AT THE HOTEL!



HELLO, JANE IS ROY HERE?

WHY NO, BLANE!



I HAVEN'T SEEN EITHER OF YOU SINCE WE LOST EACH OTHER IN THE BLACKOUT!-- WHY, WHAT'S THE MATTER BLANE? YOU LOOK ILL.



INTO THE FAR HOURS OF THE NIGHT----

ALMOST DAWN--- AND STILL NO SIGN OF ROY. THIS SUSPENSE IS DRIVING ME CRAZY!!



SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO HIM!-- I KNOW IT! I FEEL IT! I'M GOING OUT AND LOOK FOR HIM!





IT'S JUST AS THOUGH THE EARTH SWALLOWED HIM UP, JANE!

IT DOES LOOK RATHER HOPELESS, BLANE!



I'M NOT LICKED YET! I'M GOING OUT AND SEARCH FOR HIM UNTIL I FIND HIM OR LEARN WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HIM!



AND STILL MORE FRUITLESS SEARCH

BLANE, ANY NEWS?

NO JANE!



I-I GUESS I'M LICKED, JANE. HE--- MUST BE DEAD!!

POOR BLANE! YOU LOOK SO WORN. I NEVER DREAMED YOU CARED FOR ROY SO MUCH!



WELL, WE CAN'T STAY HERE FOREVER. ONLY THING TO DO, IS RETURN TO THE STATES. BETTER START PACKING JANE!

ALL RIGHT BLANE!



HE MUST BE DEAD OR HE SURELY WOULD HAVE TRIED TO CONTACT ME THROUGH MY SUPER-BRAIN BEFORE NOW!



SUDDENLY
MY BRAIN---
IT'S STIRRING!---
CAN IT BE?....



IT IS!--
IT'S ROY!
HE'S ALIVE
AND TRYING TO
CONTACT
ME!!



LATER I'M READY
BLANE!!
HOW ABOUT
YOU?

BLANE,
WHERE
ARE
YOU?



WHAT'S THIS---A
NOTE!!---AND
IT'S FOR ME!!

Jane
I just got a clue
as to Roy's where-
abouts. No time to
explain. Don't know
when I'll return.
After I go back to
the States with
out me.
Blane



MEANWHILE, THE WIZARD IS PURSUING ROY'S CALL----- TRACKING IT TO ITS SOURCE.



UP THE LOFTY TOWERING TIBETIAN MOUNTAINS.



ALONG TREACHEROUS MOUNTAIN PASSES, AND OVER TREMENDOUS CHASMS WHERE HUMAN FEET NEVER BEFORE TROD!



ROY! ROY! --- DO YOU HEAR ME? ARE WE STILL IN CONTACT? KEEP CALLING LAD!



I HEAR YOU WIZARD! YOU SEEM TO BE PRETTY CLOSE NOW!



QUEER!-- HIS VOICE SEEMS TO BE COMING FROM BEHIND HERE SOMEWHERE



AND THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY CAVE ENTRANCE OR OPENING OF ANY KIND UNLESS--



THE WIZARD ON A SUDDEN HUNCH, LEAPS THROUGH THE WATER-FALL---



AND LANDS ON A LEDGE BEHIND IT!

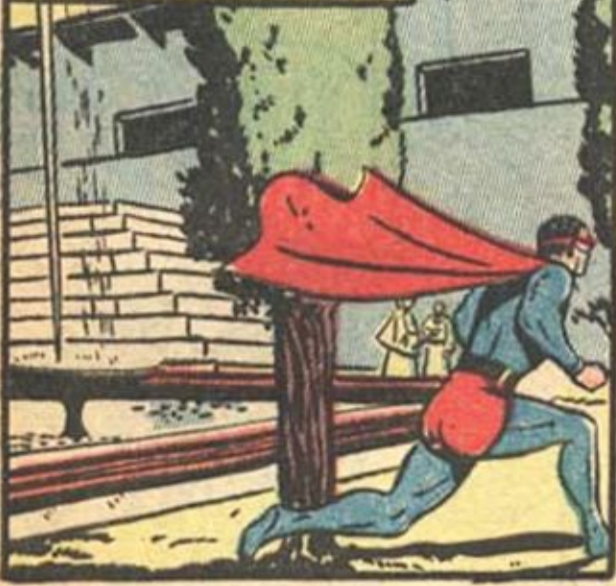


AH!-- HERE IT IS! ---- A CAVE! LET'S SEE WHERE IT LEADS TO!



AT THE OTHER END OF THE CAVE THE WIZARD COMES ON A SCENE OF UNIMAGINABLE SPLENDOR--A BEAUTIFUL CITY BASKING IN THE GOLDEN WARMTH OF THE SUN. A CITY OF UTTER TRANQUILITY.

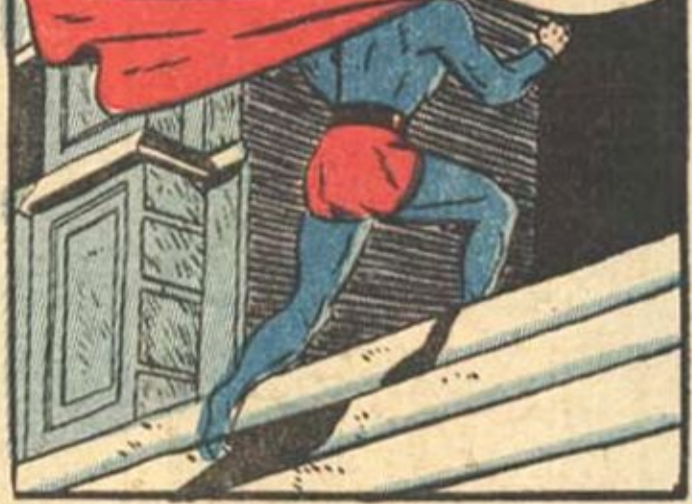
RAPIDLY, THE WIZARD HURRIES THROUGH THE STREETS EXPECTING TO MEET OPPOSITION MOMENTARILY, BUT--



THAT'S FUNNY!----THESE PEOPLE DON'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO ME AT ALL.



EVERYTHING IS SO QUIET AND PEACEFUL HERE. WHAT KIND OF A SCRAPE CAN ROY HAVE GOTTEN IN ANYWAY?



I'VE TRAILED ROY'S CALL TO THIS PLACE. NOW FOR THE FIREWORKS.



WELCOME SIR!---OUR KING AWAITS YOU!

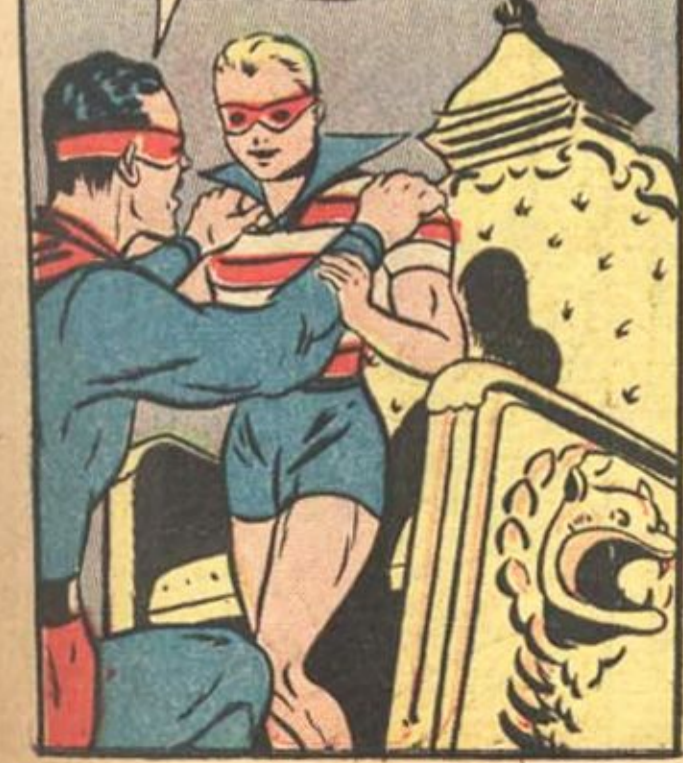
WHAT!



ROY!

WIZARD! BOY, IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

NOT HALF AS GOOD AS LAYING EYES ON YOU AGAIN. I---- I'D GIVEN YOU UP FOR DEAD!!



WHY, YOU BIG SISSY! YOU'RE CRYING!

NUTS! I---- I'VE GOT A COLD IN MY EYE!



I AM THE KING OF THIS LAND. YOUR AFFECTION FOR OUR PRINCE IS MOST TOUCHING!

YOUR PRINCE! WHAT DO YOU MEAN?





AREN'T YOU IN TROUBLE, ROY?

NO WIZARD, I ONLY SENT OUT THAT DISTRESS CALL BECAUSE I WAS GETTING LONESOME FOR YOU !!



YOU SEE THIS IS A LAND OF PEACE AND LONG LIFE. WE HAVE NO STRIFE HERE-----AS YOU DO IN YOUR WORLD. AND WE ARE CAREFUL WHOM WE CHOOSE TO ALLOW IN HERE. I AM GETTING OLD---AND SOON OUR LAND WILL NEED ANOTHER RULER.



MY MEN WATCHED ROY CLOSELY FOR A LONG TIME BEFORE THEY CHOSE HIM!



YOU MEAN THAT YOU WANT ROY TO STAY HERE FOREVER



YES!---AND YOU TOO!---TO-GETHER YOU CAN CARRY ON MY REIGN !!

I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T STAY !!



YOU SEE, JUST BECAUSE MY LAND IS TROUBLED I AM NEEDED THERE ALL THE MORE. HOW ABOUT YOU ROY?

WELL ER--- I DON'T KNOW!



I UNDERSTAND, ROY-- YOU'RE HAPPY HERE! GOODBYE LAD! WE'LL ALWAYS BE PALS--TO-GETHER OR APART !!



WAIT WIZARD! YOU WILL NOT KNOW HOW TO LEAVE OUR LAND----UNLESS I HAVE SOMEONE GUIDE YOU!



OUR KING SPEAKS TRUTHFULLY, SIR! THIS CITY HAS STRANGE SECRETS SO THAT UNWELCOME VISITORS MAY NOT FIND THEIR WAY HERE !!



HEY, WIZARD! ---
WAIT FOR ME !!



ROY! YOU---
YOU'RE
COMING
BACK
WITH ME ?

SURE THING,
I'LL TAKE MY
CHANCES
WITH OUR
WAR-TORN
WORLD--ALONG
WITH YOU
PAL !!



LEAD ON MAC DUFF!
WERE OFF TO THE
RACES !!!



MUST TELL YOU, SIR ONCE
YOU LEAVE OUR LAND, NEVER-
MORE CAN YOU
RETURN

I KNOW
IT !!



FUNNY!---
THE LOCATION
OF THE WATER-
FALL SEEMS
TO HAVE
CHANGED
COMPLETE-
LY



THIS IS WHERE I LEAVE
YOU, FAREWELL, WORTHY
MORTALS !!



THIS IS THE LAST MILE.
ARE YOU QUITE SURE
YOU'RE WILLING TO WALK
IT WITH ME, ROY? YOU CAN
STILL CHANGE YOUR MIND,
YOU KNOW !!

NUTS !!



WELL HERE
WE ARE, OUT
OF THE CAVE--
WIZARD! LOOK!
THE CAVE
ENTRANCE !

IT'S DISAP-
PEARED! AND
SO HAS THE
WATERFALLS!



WELL, I GUESS WE
ARE LOCKED OUT
FOREVER. THAT'S
A QUEER BAR-
GAIN WE MADE,
LAD----A LAND
OF HARMONY
AND BROTHERLY
LOVE FOR OUR
WORLD!

MAYBE IT'S
BECAUSE
YOU HAVE
FAITH, WI-
ZARD--FAITH
THAT OUR
WORLD WILL
SOME DAY
BE LIKE
THAT !!

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TURES OF THE
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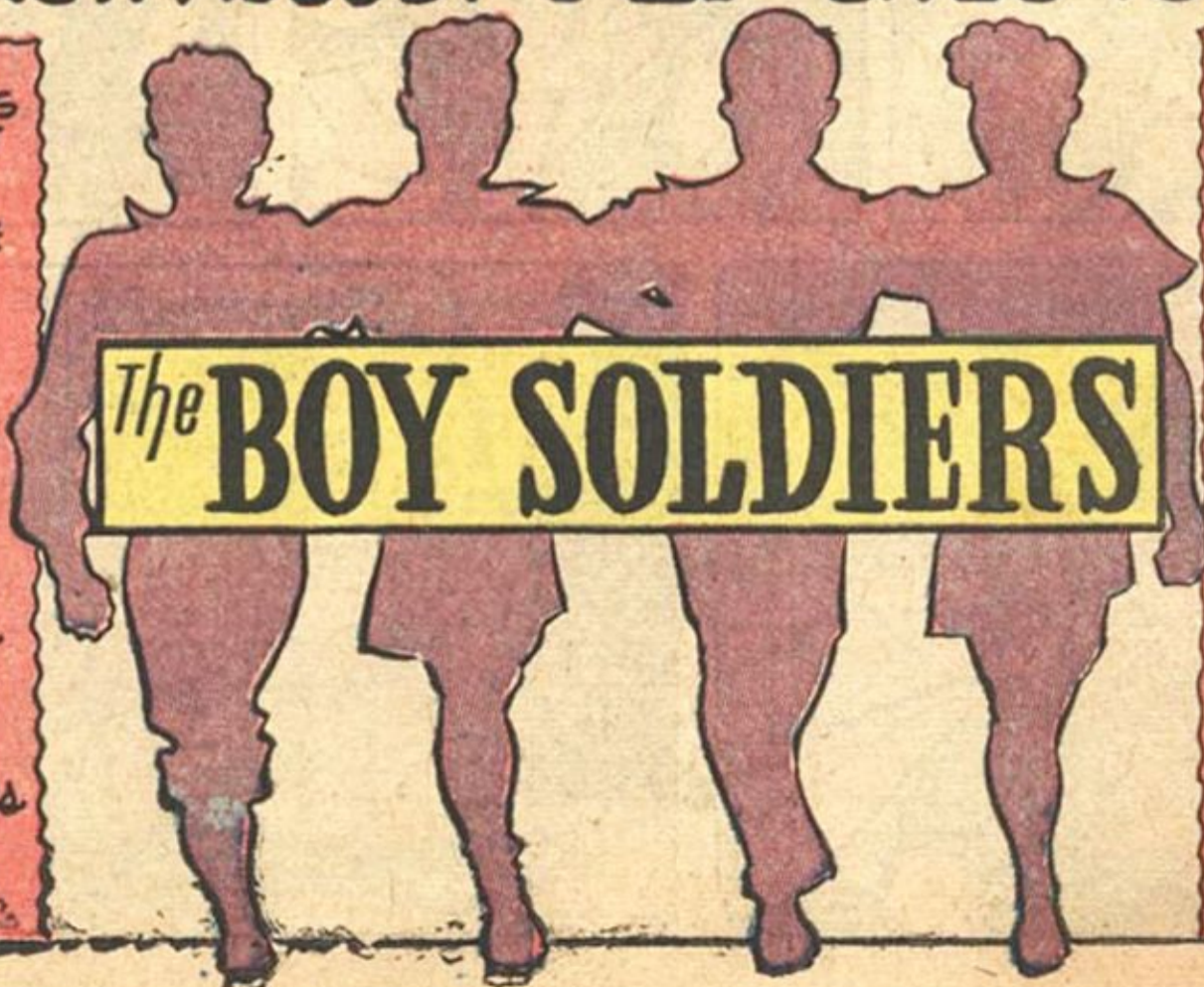
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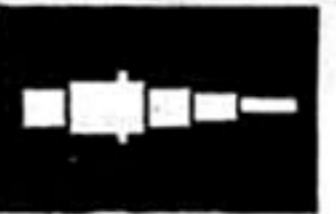
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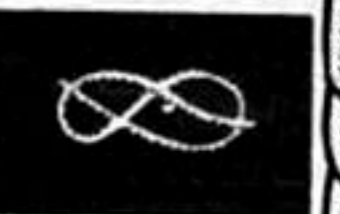
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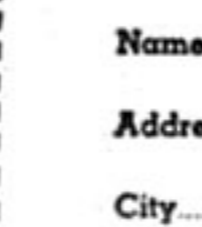
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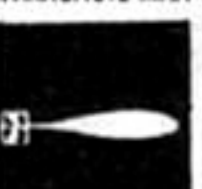
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